

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Location: Maria Montessori Academy
2505 N. 200 E.
North Ogden, UT 84414



In Attendance: Preston Allen, Yana Sprague, Joan Effiong, Dore Elmer

Excused: Loma Prince, Stephanie Speicher

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Trent Brown (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW)

The mission of Maria Montessori Academy is to provide an individualized grade K-6 education that promotes academic excellence founded on the authentic philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. MMA will craft each child's education in partnership with educators and parents to achieve higher levels of academic, personal and social achievement, thereby preparing students to become constructive contributors to their community.

MINUTES

6:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes and the July 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ There were no New Hires to ratify.
- ❖ Trent Brown explained the First Digital Contract and its connection to E-Rate. Joan Effiong made a motion to ratify the One Year First Digital Contract (expires June 30, 2012); Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- ❖ Dore Elmer provided the MAPA Update. MAPA will provide the annual calendar and volunteer opportunities available for parents at Back to School Night. The MAPA Board leadership is changing and online contests are being promoted.
- ❖ Nancy Lindeman provided the Directors Report. The staff has returned and is in trainings preparing for this school year. A new staff evaluation has been created and the faculty will be evaluated based on the new rubric. The school has been deep cleaned and the new pick up and drop of procedures have been disseminated to families. Kim Dohrer discussed student performance on testing assessments and the improvement that has been made over the past year. The Board discussed the Charter School Board Meeting and will have a work session on September 4, 2012 to prepare.
- ❖ Ryan Arrington reported on the budget. He reviewed the expenses for the last month and the audit that will be starting. The USDA loan interest payment has been made and other building payments are scheduled for the year. The Board also discussed Montessori Training costs.

VOTING ITEMS

- ❖ Yana Sprague reviewed the Director Goals that were added to the evaluation and how the Board will implement the tool. Joan Effiong made a motion to Adopt Director Evaluation Tool; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Yana Sprague made a motion to approve the Pacific Landscape Purchase for \$8,943; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING

- ❖ Yana Sprague led the discussion on Charter School Board University Chapter 8. The chapter discussed how parenting and governing are similar. She reviewed the items that a school should be doing and the Board feels comfortable in their progress of these goals.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Joan Effiong made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourn at 7:27 PM.