

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

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



In Attendance: Preston Allen, Yana Sprague, Joan Effiong, Loma Prince, Stephanie Speicher, Dore Elmer

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Kim Dohrer (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

5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY TRAINING

❖ **Montessori Today Chapter 5**

Nancy Lindeman discussed the elementary aged classroom including the components of a successful Montessori classroom. She also reviewed the three hour uninterrupted work cycle and how students function in the classroom using the Montessori tools. Students are taught time management, planning, and independence in the work environment. The Board visited two classrooms to see the Montessori material and the set up of the workspace.

CONSENT ITEMS

❖ **August 14, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes and September 4, 2012 Work Session Minutes**

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the August 14, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes and the September 4, 2012 Work Meeting Minutes; Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **New Hires**

Loma Prince made a motion to ratify the following New Hires: Heather Branson, Jana Colvell, Suzie Ottens, and Martha Trease; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ No public comments were made.

REPORTS

❖ **MAPA Update**

Parent education activities are being planned and the general MAPA meeting will be held in September. The Fall Festival is being planned and the committee chairs are still being put into place.

❖ **Directors Report**

Student assessment scores have improved and were included in the charter amendment. Students are showing great growth and improvement.

The school is going to look into ways to track students who exit the school. The school has new students in the Kindergarten and throughout the rest of the school based on students that have moved or had transportation issues.

The committee structure in the sixth grade was presented which allows the students to become involved in a leadership role at the school.

Teachers reviewed the CRT results and curriculum mapping and are implementing Study Island and Utah Writes. The second phase of the playground is being installed in September and will help provide additional outdoor activities for students. A survey of the community was completed to evaluate the

desired parent education topics. The survey results have been reviewed and the parent education nights are calendared for the year.

❖ **Budget Report**

Loma Prince updated the Board on the status of the budget and expenditures. Overall, the budget is within the limits and all areas are satisfactory. Ryan Arrington discussed teacher trainings and the impact on the budget. Upcoming professional development and training attendance was discussed.

VOTING ITEMS

❖ **Utah Consolidated Application Plans**

Nancy Lindeman reviewed the categories and allocation of funds in the various areas. Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Plans, including:

- Title IA Plan
- Title IIA Plan
- Accelerated Students Program Plan (Gifted and Talented)
- Enhancement for At-Risk Students Plan
- Early Childhood Programs K-3 Reading Achievement Plan
- IDEA Pre and School-Aged Plans

Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **LED Sign**

The school sign outside needs to be replaced with a more permanent option that will enhance parent communication.

Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve the Advanced LED Sign not to exceed \$7,000; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Teacher Training Reimbursements**

Preston Allen reviewed the proposed teacher certification reimbursement plan. The plan would pay for a portion of the Montessori training program for certain teachers.

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the proposed teacher certification reimbursement plan for \$6,250 in 2012-2013 and \$3,750 in 2013-2014; Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **Amendment Request**

The amendment went before the SCSB successful and will be presented to the State Board of Education in November to meet with the committee.

❖ **Survey Results**

Stephanie Speicher reviewed the MRX Dashboard survey that parents responded to and how it correlated with the latest school satisfaction surveys. Changes to MRX based on the survey have been implemented and teachers are working diligently to help parents understand and prepare the reports.

❖ **Calendaring**

The next Board Meeting is on October 9th at 6:00 PM.

The November Board Meeting will be at 4:00 PM with a Work Session following.

ADJOURN

❖ Yana Sprague made a motion to approve adjourn the Board Meeting; Loma Prince seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.