

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 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

6:02 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

CONSENT ITEMS

❖ **September 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**

Loma Prince made a motion to approve the September 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ No public comments were made.

REPORTS

❖ **Directors Report**

Nancy Lindeman provided information to the Board on the status of school functions. The second phase of the playground was installed and the school is grateful to the American Woodman organization for providing manpower and their donation. Many school volunteers also helped to install the new structure and were thanked for their service.

Richard Paul Evans spoke with the upper elementary students and encouraged students to become lovers of reading and writing. A staff social was held to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication. Also, a MAPA meeting was held in September that included parent education on the CRT results. The October parent education topic is Montessori 101.

Nancy Lindeman and Stephanie Speicher are going to visit Clark Montessori in October to learn more about the secondary Montessori model and the Board was encouraged to think of any questions they should ask including how the Ohio school is meeting testing and teacher certification requirements. Student retention was reviewed along with the top reasons why students are no longer attending MMA. The October 1 Count was 491 students and Michelle McKenzie and Nancy Lindeman were instrumental in the student enrollment process.

❖ **Budget Report**

Loma Prince thanked Ryan Arrington for his diligence in tracking the budget and ensuring that the school is financially stable. Loma Prince reviewed the budget with the Board, including state funding, donations/fundraisers, purchased services, expenditures, and the School LAND Trust changes and additional funding.

Ryan Arrington was dismissed at 6:30 PM.

❖ **MAPA Update**

Dore Elmer updated the Board that MAPA will be selling wristbands this month for the Fall Festival and are evaluating activities and volunteer supervision. The committee chairs have been filled, minus the fundraising chair.

VOTING ITEMS

❖ **Speech and Language Services Purchase up to \$45,000 (FY 2013)**

Nancy Lindeman explained the Speech and Language Services that are being offered to students.

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the Speech and Language Services Purchase up to \$45,000 for the 2013 Fiscal Year; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **Board Governance Training**

- Joan Effiong led the training on Charter School Board University Chapter 9. The chapter discusses the composition of a Board, who make good Board Members, and the relative size of a Board. The book recommended the Board be composed of a diverse group of people with different backgrounds that will have a relationship with the Director.

❖ **Calendaring**

- November 13, 2012 Board Meeting at 4:00 PM
- November 13, 2012 Work Session at 4:30 PM
- December 11, 2012 Christmas Social at 6:00 PM

ADJOURN

- ❖ Stephanie Speicher motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.