

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

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



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

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

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

6:37 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **Junior High Program**

Stephanie Speicher and Nancy Lindeman reviewed the trip to Clark Montessori and the junior high program the school is running. Clark used a community model of mixed-age classrooms of two teachers per fifty students with each teacher focusing on different content areas. The school utilizes percentages to track student assessment and progress and high academic rigor is a baseline expectation.

They reviewed curriculum and the thematic approach to the core curriculum. Teachers would also need to be trained and the cost (not including travel) would be \$8,200 per teacher. The costs for materials, costs, and technology were discussed.

The next steps for getting the junior high implemented would be to secure the land and building, arrange training, provide parent education to 6th grade parents, and hire staff. The Board discussed the need to create a timeline for the school and how the grades will be added to the school configuration.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Dore Elmer made a motion to adjourn the Work Session; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Session adjourned at 8:05 PM.