

Mountain West Montessori Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021

Location: MWMA Library, 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84009



In Attendance: Steve Barnes, Andrew Marx, Nelson Altamirano (6:16 p.m. via Zoom)

Excused: Corbin White, Lois Bobo

Others in Attendance: Angie Johnson, Sheri Ebert, Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi, Brandon Fairbanks

*Founded upon Montessori philosophy, the mission of **Mountain West Montessori Academy** is to facilitate student-centered learning and intellectual curiosity through an individualized and interdisciplinary curriculum, hands-on experience, and community involvement.*

MINUTES

2020-2021 BOARD PRIORITIES

High Standard Cleanliness
Improve Mental Health & Safety of Student & Staff
Improve Literacy Instruction & Outcomes

6:11 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Steve Barnes stated that we currently do not have a quorum but we will start discussion on items that don't require a quorum.
- School Mission – Steve
- Montessori Mastery was tabled this month

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT. This was the seconded public comment period held for the 2021-2022 School Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy

REPORTS

- **Director**
 - *State of the School* – Angie Johnson reviewed the current board priorities and then discussed the activities that have happened in each one of the areas since the last board meeting to show how she is making these a progress in achieving these priorities.
 - ✓ High Standard of Cleanliness and Compliance with Pandemic Guidelines
 - ★ Covid-19 Pandemic Update – *We have (36) total students that are choosing to be online until the end of the year.*
 - ★ Update on Student Return
 - ✓ Maintain and Improve Mental Health and Safety of Students and Staff
 - ★ Recap of Current Initiatives
 - ★ Middle School Social Opportunities: Travel & Committees
 - ✓ Continue Improvement of Literacy Instruction and Outcomes

- ★ Lower Elementary Literacy Enrichment through Cultural Materials Initiative
- ✓ Highlighting a Current Strength:
 - ★ Title I Monitoring Visit
 - ★ Accreditation
- ✓ Highlighting a Current Challenge:
 - ★ Lunch with six feet of distance
- **Board of Directors**
 - *Financial Review* – Andrew Marx reviewed the financials through February 28th. Not much has changed since the report last month. There was a discussion on the skewed numbers on some of the percentages. Even though it looks like we have some areas that are over, we are still in a good place and the bonding has helped the financials. There was a discussion on the different CARES money that the school has received or is going to receive.

CONSENT ITEMS

- *February 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes* – There was no further discussion.
 - *February 22, 2021 Closed Session Affidavit* – There was no further discussion.
- Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the consent items. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
- Steve Barnes – Aye
 Andrew Marx – Aye
 Nelson Altamirano – Aye
- Motion passed unanimously.**

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discuss and/or Voted On)

- *2021-2022 School LAND Trust Plan* – Angie Johnson stated that the SLT committee has met twice this year. They will be receiving \$60,610 for next year. Angie stated that the school always sets their goals to increase student reading proficiency and improve student proficiency in mathematics. We typically do not have carry over of funds from year to year. However, due to not being able to attend the Montessori professional development last year and this year, we will have \$28,487 carry over to 2021-22. So, we have enough funding to take all our teachers to the National Montessori conference in Nashville next year. There was a discussion on what there is to offer at the conference. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 School LAND Trust Plan. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Steve Barnes – Aye
 Andrew Marx – Aye
 Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.
- *2021-2022 School Fee Schedule* – Angie Johnson reviewed the 2021-2022 school fee schedule. We were able to reduce a lot of our fees. We don't offer the same courses each year since we don't always have a teacher. There was a discussion on the lowered fees being sustainable.
- *Re-Approve Fee Waiver Policy* – Brandon Fairbanks stated that the code requires you to have the policy in place as well as review it and reapprove it every year. Angie reviewed

the process to submit and qualify for fee waivers which also includes free and/or reduced lunch. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Fee Schedule and re-approve the Fee Waiver Policy. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Steve Barnes – Aye

Andrew Marx – Aye

Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

➤ **Calendaring – ALL**

- Next Pre-Board Meeting – April 14th @ 5:00 p.m.
- Next Board Meeting – April 26th

➤ **REMINDERS:**

- Audit Committee Training – *Corbin is the only one who has completed the training.*
- Online Introductory Training for School Board Members – *Corbin & Steve still need to complete the fraud risk training before June 30th.*

6:53 PM – Nelson Altamirano made a motion to ADJOURN. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Steve Barnes – Aye

Corbin White – Aye Andrew Marx – Aye

Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.