

Mountain West Montessori Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Location: MWMA Library, 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84095



In Attendance: Dan Galli, Steve Barnes, Corbin White, Ryan Parker (via phone)

Excused: Lois Bobo

Others in Attendance: Amy Pilkington, Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi, Alden Moon, Brandon Fairbanks, Angie Johnson

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

2016-2017 BOARD PRIORITIES

Parent Partnerships
Data Driven Student Learning
Student Communities

5:38 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Corbin White
- Montessori Minute – Angie Johnson showcased a box with fluency phrases (site words with decoding) that goes along with the rainbow box (for blending & segmenting). Students go back and forth between phrases to become fluent. Once a sequence has been complete there is a celebration with a book. Amy included that Angie made this system from scratch. This is for beginning readers (k-2).

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

- **Eide Bailly**
 - Review FY 2016 Financial Statement – All board members received a letter and audit report. Alden Moon briefly discussed the process of the audit dating back to August 2016. He reviewed the audit and reported on findings and notes. Other areas reviewed were October 1 count and student membership. There were three opinions given by Eide Bailly. They were all reported clean. Alden stated that the company appreciated the opportunity to work with the board and thanked them for being available for questions. Alden gave a brief history on Eide Bailly. They work with many charter schools and school districts in Utah. He stated that Eide

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Bailly is engaged by the board and will always contact the board first if there are any issues or concerns. Cathie mentioned that by working with all of AW schools, there is an economy of scale with control testing and which makes it more cost effective for each school. *Alden Moon was excused at 6:01 p.m.*

➤ **Director – Amy Pilkington**

- State of the School
 - ♣ Parent Survey are showing high rankings in the classroom
 - ♣ “Morning Munch and Mingles” for educating parents on Montessori. Some of the areas covered have been peace table, community meetings, reading resources and growth mindset. Still to come: math resources and grace & courtesy
 - ♣ Literacy Night was a very successful family event in November
 - ♣ Parent survey started
 - ♣ Enrollment update:
 - Over 98% intend to return
 - Lottery has over 400 students after only 2 weeks being open
 - Continue to market the school
 - ♣ Starting mid-year SAGE assessments for the middle school
 - ♣ Writing meetings in middle school
 - ♣ Teachers are working on mid-year benchmarks in elementary
 - ♣ 2nd round DIBELS complete
 - ♣ Working on math assessments
 - ♣ Starting middle school observation days where 6th graders will be able visit middle school classrooms
 - ♣ Middle School CAMP scheduled for next year
 - ♣ MS student surveys will be going out soon
 - ♣ Capstone teams are planning enrichment with an elementary crossover
 - ♣ This year we have increased our field trips with the help of Jen Evans.
 - ♣ SAGE testing opt-outs is around 12%. Amy feels that it does affect the overall SAGE score.
 - ♣ We have more 6th graders staying for 7th grade. We also have students who have left returning back to the school.
 - ♣ Amy believes that the middle school students are transitioning better due to MS camp

➤ **Board of Directors**

- Review Action Items – Dan Galli reviewed the action items.
- Review 2016-2017 Budget as of December 31, 2016 – Ryan Parker reviewed the budget as of December 31st. Ryan stated that he likes to review the budget in the context of the surplus. The budget is in line and there aren’t any big changes.

➤ **Academica West**

- FY 2015-2016 Form 990 – Cathie Hurst review the non-profit tax form that has to filed with the IRS. She added that because the school rents out their gym and receiving the revenue, the school has to pay taxes on the building rental revenue.

Cathie stated that the school should be paying the taxes every quarter or will have to pay a penalty. The board would like to make the estimated payments quarterly.

Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve September 27, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve September 27, 2016 Work Session Minutes

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

- Discuss and Vote on 2017-2018 School Calendar – Amy Pilkington stated that she needs to make a change on the calendar and would like to bring it back next month for approval. She reviewed the differences with Jordan School District calendar. Dan has tabled this item until next month.
- Discuss and Vote on 2017-2018 School Fee Schedule – Amy Pilkington stated that the middle school fees are the same as last year. She reviewed the optional afterschool club fee schedule. Some of the optional afterschool clubs are open to elementary students. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 school fee schedule. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Vote on San Francisco Trip not to exceed \$26,000 – Amy Pilkington stated that this is first 9th grade trip. The majority of the 9th graders will be going on the trip. They can add on activities if they earn more money. Savers has been a great fundraiser for the students. Some of the students have paid for their entire trip by fundraising. Corbin mentioned that they may want to look into the Statue of Responsibility fundraiser. Steve Barnes wanted to mention as possible field trip in August would be a total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. The Path of Totality will be in Idaho or Wyoming. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the San Francisco trip not to exceed \$26,000. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Calendaring** – ALL
 - AW Roundtable – January 26th at 4:30 p.m. @ State Capital
 - Electronic Board Meeting – February 28th
 - March Pre-Board Meeting – March 21st
 - Next Board Meeting – March 28th

There was no need for a CLOSED SESSION.

6:44 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to ADJOURN. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 1:06:26)