



Mountain West Montessori Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26 2015

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

In Attendance: Dan Galli, Linda Hume, Ryan Parker, Andrew Marx

Excused: Steve Barnes

Others in Attendance: Amy Pilkington, Angie Johnson, Brandon Fairbanks, Ryan Arrington, Shirley Atkinson, Kara Finley, members of the public

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MINUTES

2014-2015 BOARD PRIORITIES

Montessori Philosophy
Operational/Financial Stability
Creating a Vested Community

5:42 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Ryan Parker
- *Montessori Minute* – Angie Johnson discussed grace and courtesy lessons, such as settling disagreements and respecting others opinions, inclusion, and manners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments.

REPORTS

- **Director** – Amy Pilkington
 - State of the School – Amy Pilkington reviewed the state of the school in the following areas:
 - ♣ Montessori – Trainings have been scheduled for this summer and the end of year planning has been coordinated. Teacher evaluations are underway and agreements for next year are being completed.
 - ♣ 401(k) Update – Is gathering information to provide to the Board regarding 401(k) budgeting.
 - ♣ Enrollment – There will be an additional eighth grade class next year as well as the students rolling up to ninth grade. The elementary enrollment is full and there is a strong waiting list.

- ♣ Community – The PTO finished the fundraising for the outdoor classrooms and the PTO has dissolved. Clubs are being signed up for next fall and the tree planting fundraiser was successful and most of the trees have been planted.
 - ♣ Assessments – The SAGE assessment testing is complete and there were a significant amount of families who opted out of testing. The results will be published and when the scores can be compared to the state testing they will be presented. Next year Amy Pilkington will work to inform families about testing and educate families about the data benefits.
- **Board of Directors**
- Update on Action Items – Dan Galli reviewed and updated the action items from last month.
Angie Johnson was excused at 6:09 PM.
 - Review on Board Terms – Linda Hume will continue serving on the Board and will fulfill her term. No terms expire on the Board this year so the members will stay intact.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Ryan Parker made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS; Andrew Marx seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- April 28, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 28, 2015 Closed Session Affidavit
 - May 7, 2015 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
 - 2015-2016 Parent Handbook

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

- Discuss and Vote on Amended 2014-2015 Budget as of May 15, 2015 – Ryan Parker reviewed the changes to the budget from the previous month, including the purchase of additional equipment and reconciliation of revenues. The final amended budget for 2014-2015 will be approved at the annual meeting and the lunch budget will be integrated fully based on the estimate from Child Nutrition Services and actual funds. **Linda Hume made a motion to approve the Amended 2014-2015 Budget as of May 15, 2015; Ryan Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
Angie Johnson arrived at 6:14 PM.
- Discuss and Vote on 2015-2016 Lunch Price – Amy Pilkington reviewed the need to update the school lunch prices based on the nutrition services audit. The people that are eating lunch as patrons was discussed. There is a requirement that the schools raise the cost of lunches by \$0.10 per school year to qualify for free and reduced funding. The quality of the lunches have been maintained and the school will offer healthy meals with a variety of options throughout the menu. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Lunch Price; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Vote on Amended 2015-2016 School Fee Schedule – Amy Pilkington discussed the need to address after-school club fees. The proposed club fee is unique and high and shouldn't generally approach the cap of \$150 for club fees. The clubs are generally around \$20-\$30 and help cover materials and costs. **Linda Hume made a**

motion to approve the Amended 2015-2016 School Fee Schedule; Ryan Parker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Discuss and Vote on Furniture purchase not to exceed \$10,000 – Amy Pilkington reviewed the furniture that will be purchased through School Specialty to equip the ninth grade classrooms and add additional items as needed. Additional furniture such as bookshelves, desks, and whiteboards will be purchased. The furniture will be purchased as part of the 2015-2016 budget. **Ryan Parker made a motion to approve the Furniture purchase not to exceed \$10,000; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Calendaring – ALL**
 - June Pre-Board Meeting – June 17th at 3:30 PM
 - Next Board Meeting – June 23rd at 5:30 PM (Linda will not be able to attend but can participate telephonically)
 - Summer Retreat – August 10th at 4:30 PM

The members of the public left at 6:51 PM.

6:51 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to go into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss an individual’s character, professional competence, or physical or mental health pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(I) (a); Andrew Marx seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

**Linda Hume – Aye
Dan Galli – Aye
Ryan Parker – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye**

Angie Johnson and Amy Pilkington left at 6:57 PM.
Amy Pilkington was present from 7:11 PM to 7:13 PM.

7:22 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN the Board Meeting; Andrew Marx seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

**Linda Hume – Aye
Dan Galli – Aye
Ryan Parker – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye**

ACTION ITEMS:

- Annual Meeting –review terms and offices of the Board – **Dawn**
- Keep Board Member announcement posted but remove date restrictions and continue collecting applications – **Dawn**
- Work with Dan to schedule retreat and meals – **Dawn**
- Reallocate \$1,750 (plus tax amount to make Amy’s net) to the admin/front office bonuses section of the budget – **Ryan Arrington**



**Mountain West Montessori Academy
Closed Executive Board Meeting Affidavit
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AFFIDAVIT

This Closed Session was held to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(I)(a).



Dan Galli – Board President

5/10/15

Date