

Mountain West Montessori Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2021



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

In Attendance: Steve Barnes, Lois Bobo, Corbin White, Andrew Marx (5:14 pm)

Excused: Nelson Altamirano

Others in Attendance: Angie Johnson, Sheri Ebert, Dawn Kawaguchi, Janey Stoddard, Brandon Fairbanks (5:19 pm), Kim Dohrer (5:20 pm)

*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

5:10 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Steve Barnes
- School Mission – Corbin
- Montessori Mastery – Angie had a fun activity with Montessori grammar that the board and AW participated in. Each person received a different sentence and had to use the Montessori symbols that symbolized each part of speech. The second activity had everyone creating their own sentence by using the correct part of speech.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

- **Board of Directors**
 - Financial Review – Andrew Marx stated that we are perfectly on track from where we were last time. There aren't any areas that are off that we haven't discussed. Upon review, the only area that we have noticed that at this time is an increase in utilities. Overall though our budget and balance sheet we are looking great for this year. There was a discussion on any other anticipated items were increased. Lois pointed out that there are a lot of areas that are under budget. Andrew stated that there are a few areas that we are going to look at such as travel and field trips but due to COVID-19 they were not used. There was a discussion on what we could use surplus on.

CONSENT ITEMS

- March 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the consent items. Lois Bobo seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

**Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- 2021-2022 Teacher & Student Success Act Plan – Angie Johnson reviewed the 2021-2022 Teacher and Student Success Act Plan. It is very similar to the current year due to COVID. Angie reviewed the goals. We budget these funds for the following:

- 5% of the TSSA fund will be used for professional learning activities.
- 25% of the TSSA fund will be used for teacher salaries and bonuses.
- 70% of the TSSA funds will be used for augmentation of existing programs.

The board wanted to know how much money the school was allocated. Last year the school was budgeted \$72,769. The preliminary numbers for next year \$86,240. **Lois Bobo made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Teacher & Student Success Act Plan. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

**Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye**

Steve Barnes abstained from voting. The motion passed with a majority vote.

5:39PM – Lois Bobo made a motion to take a BREAK. Steve Barnes seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

**Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

6:08 PM – Lois Bobo made a motion to RECONVENE the meeting. Corbin White seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD TRAINING/STRATEGIC PLANNING

- State of the School – Angie Johnson
- Shared a some of the photos that she used for Accreditation
 - Review of board goals

- High Standard of Cleanliness and Compliance with Pandemic Guidelines
 - ✓ COVID 19 School DashBoard Update
 - ✓ Governor Cox announcement on masks
- Maintain and Improve Mental Health and Safety of Students and Staff
 - ✓ Year Summary
 - ★ A goal well met
- Continue Improvement of Literacy Instruction and Outcomes
 - ✓ Reading Endorsement:
 - ★ *Literature & Informational Texts for Children & Adolescents* course
 - ✓ Accreditation Review
- Highlighting a Current Strength
 - ✓ Teacher Retention
- Highlighting a Recent Challenge
 - ✓ Middle School Enrollment
 - ★ Possible middle school trip
- Recommended Board Priorities – Angie Johnson
 - Safely re-engage in hands-on and experiential learning experiences (Field trips, travel, clubs, social events, etc.)
 - Implement Computer Science initiative: rigorous weekly CS instruction and student proficiency in Utah Computer Science standards
 - Continue Improvement of Literacy Instruction & Outcomes
- Review of 3-Year Priorities – Kim Dohrer reviewed the 3-year priorities from 2019. The board removed items as well as added items. This is a Revisited 3-Year Plan 2021
 - Early Childhood Education
 - ✓ Add a preschool
 - ✓ All-day kinder
 - Enrollment
 - Literacy (Reading & Math)
 - Financially Stable
 - Succession Planning
 - ✓ Growing Talent
 - Storage Space
 - Computer Science Expansion
 - ✓ Devices, People...
 - ~~Facilities~~
 - ~~Electives~~
 - ~~Employee retention~~
 - ~~Big/Decent budget surplus~~
 - ~~Administration retention~~
- Set 2021-2022 Board Priorities – ALL
 - Safely re-engage in hands-on and experiential learning experiences (Field trips, travel, clubs, social events, etc.)
 - Implement Computer Science initiative: rigorous weekly CS instruction and student proficiency in Utah Computer Science standards and digital citizenship
 - Continue Improvement of Literacy Instruction & Outcomes

- Team Building Activity on Restricted / Unrestricted Funds – The board members rolled a dice that had Who, Where, Why, How, That and When and they were connected to a question on restricted and unrestricted funding.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - Next Pre-Board Meeting – June 16th @ 5 p.m.
 - Annual Board Meeting – Rescheduled to June 21st
- REMINDERS:
 - Audit Committee Training (Nelson)

7:47 PM – Corbin White made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) in the library. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

**Steve Barnes – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye
Corbin White – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

8:17 PM – Lois Bobo made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.