

Mountain West Montessori Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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



In Attendance: Dan Galli, Corbin White, Steve Barnes, Lois Bobo

Excused: Ryan Parker, Andrew Marx

Others in Attendance: Angie Johnson, Amy Pilkington, Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi, Shirley Atkinson, Kim Dohrer (5:50 p.m.)

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MINUTES

2016-2017 BOARD PRIORITIES

Parent Partnerships
Data Driven Student Learning
Student Communities

5:37 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Lois

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

➤ Students

- Review of Washington DC Trip – MWMA students, Sabrina Iverson, Campbell Johnson and Dallin Nichols were present to review their week-long trip to Washington DC. There were many historical landmarks, sites and locations that they visited. Some of the places that they highlighted were an art museum in which they were able to see the only DaVinci painting in the Western Hemisphere. They also participated in a scavenger hunt in the museum. This trip gave us an appreciation for our nation's capital as well as each other. Some of the students were able to go on a White house tour and even had the opportunity to see the President. The students did a walk-thru tour of Mount Vernon (Washington's house) where they learned the history of the first President. Other places that they visited were Bureau of Printing and Engraving which was super cool and the Holocaust Museum which was inspiring and gut wrenching at the same time. It was very hard to see the suffering and pain that the Jewish people went through. A

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total of (24) students went on the trip along with (5) chaperones. Since they couldn't get their PowerPoint to work Miss Angie will email it out to the board later.

➤ **Administration**

- State of the School – Amy Pilkington
 - ♣ Parent Partnerships
 - ✓ What Comes Next Series – This is something that we learned at the Montessori conference that is for the transition year students (i.e. kinder to first; third to fourth; sixth to middle school)
 - ✿ Middle school had a night where students were able to come and meet people, get excited about it and talk about what it means to be ready for the transition as well as fun things that are coming up.
 - ✿ Upper El and Lower El are completing theirs this month.
 - ✓ Munch & Mingles are complete. They were better attended in the fall than in the winter/spring. If we decide to continue parent education, we will try to do it heavy in the fall since that's when we have the best participation.
 - ✓ We are looking at expanding options for parent education next year since we found some great ideas from the Montessori conference.
 - ✓ Enrollment update
 - ♣ Data Driven Instruction
 - ✓ Review of assessments completed. Amy also went over DIBELS scores comparison. Fluency boot camp interventions are working.
 - ♣ Strengthening Student Communities
 - ✓ Middle School CAMP scheduled September 14-16
 - ✓ Classroom shadows for new lottery pulls
 - ✓ 5th & 6th graders participated in Biz Town for the first time. Now that we are in the 5th grader will continue to participate. The cost is \$5 per student.
 - ♣ Update on summer capital improvements
 - ♣ Family Handbook Updates – There will not be any substantive changes for the Family Handbook for the the 2017-2018 school year.

➤ **Academica West**

- Review 2016-2017 Budget as of March 31, 2017 – Cathie Hurst reviewed the budget as of March 31st. She stated that the school is in a better position than they were a year ago. Cathie also mentioned that the Zions operating account has an excess of cash. She is recommending that they look at opening a PTIF account. There was a discussion about next year's budget and the final amended budget for the current year. There was a discussion on depreciation and an equipment replacement plan.

➤ **Board of Directors**

- Review Update Action Items – Dan Galli reviewed the action items. Items were updated and taken off.

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

- Approve March 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

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

- Discuss and Vote on Amended Dress Code Policy – Amy Pilkington reviewed the changes to Dress Code Policy from the presentation at the March Board Meeting. If approved, this change will be for the remainder of the year and next school year. **Lois Bobo made a motion to approved the amended Dress Code Policy as described by Amy. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - May Pre-Board Meeting – May 1st
 - Next Board Meeting – May 23rd [Board Retreat]
 - UAPCS Conference (Layton) – June 6-7
 - ✓ Early Bird Registration – Ends May 12th

6:21PM – Lois Bobo made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss an individual’s character, professional competence, or physical or mental health pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). Corbin White seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Dan Galli – Aye
Steve Barnes – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye
Corbin White – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

7:18 PM – Lois Bobo made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Corbin White seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Dan Galli – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Lois Bobo – Aye
Steve Barnes – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

April Action Items:

- 1. Survey teachers on Director – Dan & Dawn**

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AFFIDAVIT

This Closed Session was held to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).



Dan Galli – Board President

5/23/17

Date