



Mountain West Montessori Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 28, 2014

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

In Attendance: Dan Galli, Linda Hume, Andrew Marx

Excused: Rusty Bentley, Steve Barnes

Others in Attendance: Amy Pilkington (Director), Angie Johnson (Curriculum), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Shirley Atkinson (AW), Ryan Parker (Parent), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW)

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MINUTES

2014-2015 BOARD PRIORITIES

Montessori
Operational/Financial stability
Creating community/vested

5:37 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Dan
- *Montessori Minute* – Angie lead the board in a Jr. High chemistry lesson using marshmallows and toothpicks to create chemical bonds to form molecules.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

BOARD INTERVIEW

- Dan stated that Rusty will be stepping down for the board as soon as a replacement has been found. The board interviewed Ryan Parker. Ryan had the opportunity to tell the board about his professional background. He also has two children that attend MWMA. The Board and administration had a chance to ask Ryan questions regarding Montessori, time commitment, board term, community relations, and grant writing.

REPORTS

- Director – Amy Pilkington
 - Montessori – General understanding of parent, teacher & students
 - ♣ Implementing Curriculum
 - ✓ Classroom observations where teachers switch classrooms
 - ✓ The middle school is now transformed into Montessori classrooms

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- ✓ Continued Montessori training
 - ✓ Sharing moments with teachers
 - ✓ Pacing guides in lower EL
- ♣ Montessori Materials
 - ✓ Professional development Oct 31st & Nov 7th
 - ✓ Teacher drop in's
 - ✓ Morning Huddles
 - ✓ New reading program is in place
 - ✓ Getting classes to normalization (ongoing but everything is coming together)
 - ✓ Targeted rubric
 - ✓ Teacher mentoring for new teachers
 - ✓ Angie & Amy will be setting goals for each teacher in addition to setting their own goals
 - ✓ Upcoming assessment training for teachers
 - ✓ Teacher iPad's are now being used which can be tracked by Montessori Compass
- Operation/Financial Stability
 - ♣ Ongoing Hiring
 - ✓ TA turnover
 - ✓ Extra help for SPED
 - ♣ October 1 count – 470
 - ✓ 27 students per class
 - ♣ School lunch program is up and running. We are in the final stages of being approved NSLP so that we can offer free & reduced lunch.
 - ♣ Rental agreement with South Mtn. Comm. Church is in the process
 - ♣ The Fall-Chip-In raised over \$7,000. This was an alternative to selling items i.e. cookie dough, wrapping paper, etc.
 - ♣ PTO set a budget to pay for activities and miscellaneous stuff that include Maturation Night, Literacy Night, Holiday Around the World Family Night, Art Gallery Night, Montessori Education Week, Environmental Education Week, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week, Fun Run, “Thank You” gifts and overhead costs (i.e. office supplies, 501c3 fee, etc.)
 - ♣ Capstone Grant opportunity
 - ♣ Clubs are up and running
 - ♣ First lock-down drill complete. Working with faculty to tighten up the drill
- Creating Community
 - ♣ Weekly updates
 - ♣ Parent Teacher conferences went phenomenally well. Looking at maybe splitting the two nights by last name.
 - ♣ Marine Bio Club meeting
 - ♣ Attending PTO meetings

There was a discussion on the upcoming SAGE testing.

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Linda Hume made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve September 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

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

- *Discuss and Vote on Utah Consolidated Application Plan & Budget* – Amy reviewed the budget for the UCA plan in Title I, Title II, Accelerated Students, At-Risk, K-3 Reading and IDEA. This plan contains both state and federal funds. Kim stated that the feds are allowed to change this amount three times in a calendar year. There was discussion on the restricted spending of this budget. **Andrew Marx made motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Application Plan and Budget. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Discuss and Vote Amended 2014-2015 Budget as of October 15, 2014* – Linda reviewed the changes in the budget as of October 15th. There was a discussion on the field trip expenditures. Ryan stated that AW has done some additional office training which included deposits. There was a discussion on the “lag time” with the actual budget. Kim reminded the board that the federal funding has to be spent first and then the school must submit for reimbursement of the purchases. Ryan stated that the administration and Linda have been doing a great job with the budget especially taking ownership of the budget. **Andrew Marx made motion to approve the amended 2014-2015 budget as of October 15, 2014. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Discuss and Vote on the 8th Grade Health Human Sexuality Curriculum*– Amy reviewed the human sexuality curriculum outline for the 8th grade which is taken from the state curriculum and recommended material by the State Office of Education. She added that the health and science teacher have both attended the state required training meeting. There was discussion on having condoms as a part of the curriculum. **Linda Hume made motion to approve the 8th grade Health Human Sexuality curriculum as amended. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Discuss and Vote on the Long Term Building Rental Agreement* – Amy reviewed the changes that she has made and they have been reviewed by Gabe (AW legal counsel) Changes include time of use, 90 days notice, and the user fees. There was discussion on the monthly rate being held for two years. **Andrew Marx made motion to approve long term Building Rental Agreement. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - Schedule Pre Board Meeting Date November 18th
 - Next Board Meeting – November 25, 2014
 - Discuss on having a holiday social.

7:27 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to move into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss an individual’s character, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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7:37 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to come out of CLOSED SESSION return to the REGULAR SESSION. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Linda Hume – Aye

Dan Galli – Aye

Andrew Marx – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Cont.)

- *Discuss and Vote on New Board Member (June 2018)* – There was no further discussion. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve Ryan Parker to replace Rusty Bentley’s board position with a term date of June 2018. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

7:39 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to ADJOURN. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

October Action Items:

1. Planning of Holiday Social – **Dan & Dawn**
2. Order Ryan a board shirt – **Dawn**



**Mountain West Montessori Academy
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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

8-12-15

Date

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