

**Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2014**



Location: 2505 N. 200 E.
North Ogden, UT 84414

In Attendance: Preston Allen, Loma Prince, Dore Elmer, Joan Effiong

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Sandi Weber (AW), Mary Wurm

The mission of Maria Montessori Academy is to provide an individualized grade K-9 education that promotes academic excellence founded on the authentic philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. MMA will craft each child's education in partnership with educators and parents to achieve higher levels of academic, personal and social achievement, thereby preparing students to become constructive contributors to their community.

MINUTES

5:37 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEW

- The Board interviewed Mary Wurm and discussed her qualifications to serve, such as work history, volunteer background, and her school experience. Mary Wurm was present from 5:38 PM until 6:11 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting Minutes**
Loma Prince made a motion to approve the January 14, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- **MAPA Update**
Dore Elmer reported on the success of the recent book fair and the MAPA Board will determine how to use the funds at an upcoming meeting. There is a second MAPA Ski Night in February at Wolf Mountain. Event preparations and marketing efforts for the annual Spring Gala are underway. The Sombreros and Sunsets Spring Gala will be held at the Ogden-Weber ATC in March. The MAPA Teacher Appreciation Committee did a great job supplying dinner for the teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

- **Directors Report**
Stephanie Speicher updated the Board on the status of the school, including personnel and job descriptions. Student testing was reviewed and the Board discussed how to correlate the Montessori curriculum with the Utah Core. A junior high course catalog has been released for the 2014-2015 school year and parents have been invited to an Information Meeting. There will be a Parent Education Night highlighting school safety with Robert and Alissa Parker as keynote speakers. A marketing campaign to increase community awareness is now running at a local movie theater and other recruitment tools were discussed. Enrollment and student retention was considered as well as the growth in the junior high program.
- **Budget Report**
Ryan Arrington reviewed the budget with the Board. Revenues and expenses are in line with where they should be and an amended budget has been prepared to accommodate the funds reserved for the school field trip and various school needs.

VOTING ITEMS

- **PTIF Transfer**
Preston Allen recommended a transfer of funds to the PTIF account and the time frame for the investment.
Dore Elmer made a motion to approve a PTIF transfer of \$175,000; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **2013-2014 Budget**
Loma Prince made a motion to approve the revised 2013-2014 budget as presented; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **2014-2015 School Year Calendar**
Stephanie Speicher reviewed the school calendar with the Board and noted the additional early release day.
Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar as proposed; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Sixth Grade Field Trip Expenses**
The Sixth Grade Field Trip Expenses were presented along with a breakdown of associated costs.
Loma Prince made a motion to approve the Sixth Grade Field Trip Expenses for \$29,233.94; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Electronic Resource Policy**
The Electronic Resource Policy was discussed and the more restrictive option was recommended with the addition of “unless approved by the Director” in order to accommodate student assessments. Stephanie Speicher is working with ETS to develop a five-year technology plan.
Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the Electronic Resource Policy as discussed; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Scholarship Fund Committee Update**
The committee will meet to create a proposal on faculty scholarships.
- **Dress Code Committee Update**
The Dress Code Committee will meet to review the Dress Code Policy and determine if any changes should be recommended.
- **Action Items**
The Board discussed the status of action items and reviewed new assignments.
- **Calendaring**
 - Board Meeting March 11, 2014 at 5:30 PM
 - UPACS Conference June 9-10, 2014

ADJOURN

- Dore Elmer made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Loma Prince seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.