

**Maria Montessori Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015**



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

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

**Excused:** Mary Wurm

**Others in Attendance:** Stephanie Speicher, Kacee Weaver, Kim Dohrer, Ryan Arrington, Kara Finley

*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.*

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## MINUTES

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**5:51 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comments were made.

### **Montessori Training**

- Kacee Weaver presented on the Literacy Improvement Plan and Montessori Today Chapter 9. She reviewed the February DIBELS scores and student improvement. Team meetings are taking place, student interventions are helping students, and additional assessments will take place to monitor progress. The book reviewed the adolescent and adult phases. The student video presentation created for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was displayed. Kacee Weaver left at 6:14 PM.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- **Board Meeting Minutes**  
Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the January 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Member Resignation**  
The Board thanked Amir Jackson for his service to the school. Dore Elmer made a motion to accept Amir Jackson's resignation from the Board of Directors; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

- **Directors Report**  
Stephanie Speicher provided an update on the state of the school. Attendance at the

Utah Montessori Conference and the MEPI Conference was discussed as well as becoming a model school nationally. Assessment results and upcoming testing, student growth and achievement, and enrollment were reviewed. A fourth portable has been reserved for the junior high, the junior high information night and Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended, and the school is preparing for the Gala. School personnel received a crossing guard training from North Ogden City and the city will come back in the spring to do a bike safety presentation for students. The proposed 2015-2016 calendar hours and days were presented and the school will participate in the Great American Spelling Bee.

- **Scholarship Fund Committee Report**

The committee is evaluating the needs of staff to support education. Three proposals have been received, and a teacher applied to attend a workshop. So far the established practices are working well.

- **Budget Report**

Ryan Arrington presented on the budget and overall it is in good shape. There are not significant changes to the budget, the surplus, and the expenditures for the year. Stephanie Speicher and Loma Prince were commended for their efforts in maintaining a proper budget.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Portables**

Stephanie Speicher reviewed the process for receiving bids on portables, the vendor and costs associated with the portables, and the budgeting for the additional portable. The budget will not be impacted until the 2015-2016 school year.

Loma Prince made a motion to approve the contract with Williams Scotsman for leasing the portables, delivery and installation charges, and return charges; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **School Calendar**

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 school year calendar; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board noted that it will be changed and Stephanie will present the updated calendar at the next Board Meeting.

- **Fee Schedule**

The fees are being examined and the voting was tabled to the March Board Meeting.

- **Charter Fidelity Survey**

Preston Allen reviewed the charter fidelity survey and a committee will be formed to fill out the survey. The Board discussed the process to complete and review the survey.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- **Action Items**

The Board reviewed action items and new assignments.

- **Calendaring**

The next Board Meeting will be on March 10, 2015.

The Board reviewed potential dates and will evaluate when to hold the retreat.

## **ADJOURN**

- Joan Effiong made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Dore Elmer seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Board Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.