

**Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2014**



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

In Attendance: Preston Allen, Joan Effiong, Loma Prince, Dore Elmer, Mary Wurm
Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Trent Brown (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Amir Jackson, Robert Garrett

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MINUTES

5:39 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

BOARD INTERVIEW

- The Board interviewed Amir Jackson and discussed his qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors. His background included non-profit service, working in education, and organization management. The Board asked about his desire to support the school, Director, and youth. The Board discussed the role of a Board Member and the functions of the Board to govern versus manage. Amir Jackson left at 6:13 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes**
Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the March 11, 2014 Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Budget Report**
Ryan Arrington reviewed the amended budget and the changes to the UCA funding. The spending year-to-date is on target and the fiscal year ends June 30, 2014.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Amended Budget**
Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Amended Budget; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Garrett arrived at 6:36 PM.

REPORTS

- **Directors Report**

Stephanie Speicher discussed the quote received on the installation of the yurt. The cost of additional portables, insurance rates, and decking donation was discussed. The junior high program space needs and the Revolving Loan amount to pay for furnishings and portables was reviewed.

Sage testing is underway and is going well. The school is evaluating testing practices to see what can be refined for the next round of testing. The kiva remodel is completed and enrollment was reviewed.

- **MAPA Update**

Dore Elmer discussed the success of the Gala and approximately \$9,000 was raised. Teacher grants will be donated from MAPA as well as additional funds for field trips and computers.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Rescind Electronic Device Policy, Internet Safety Policy, and Acceptable Use Policies**

The Board discussed how the policies can now be rescinded since the Electronic Resources Policy is in place.

Loma Prince made a motion to rescind the Electronic Device Policy, Internet Safety Policy, and Acceptable Use Policy; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Arrington left at 6:54 PM.

- **Dress Code Policy**

Stephanie Speicher discussed the Dress Code Committee composition and the vetting process the policy underwent. The Board discussed the administrations ability to enforce the policy and the definition of distracting accessories.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Robert Garrett commented on his feelings regarding the Dress Code Policy and creating a positive learning environment for students.

Robert Garrett left at 7:40 PM.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Dress Code Policy**

The Board discussed the purpose of the Dress Code Policy and the expectations regarding appearance and the ability to level socioeconomic status.

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the revised Dress Code Policy as presented with the revision to outerwear; Mary Wurm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the effective date of the policy and the revisions from the current Dress Code Policy.

Dore Elmer amended her motion to approve the revised Dress Code Policy as presented with the revision to outerwear to be effective for the 2014-2015 school

- year; Mary Wurm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **School Land Trust Committee, Plan, and Budget**
Stephanie Speicher reviewed the School Land Trust components and allocations. Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the School Land Trust Committee, Plan, and Budget; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Landscaping Vendor and Rate Sheet**
The landscaping and snow removal vendors were discussed, including the bids received by the school. The landscaping vendor will be continued for this year. Loma Prince made a motion to approve the landscaping vendor and rate sheet for Pacific Landscapes; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

- Joan Effiong made a motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
 - Loma Prince – AYE
 - Dore Elmer – AYE
 - Mary Wurm – AYE
 Entered Closed Session at 8:07 PM.

- Mary Wurm made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
 - Loma Prince – AYE
 - Dore Elmer – AYE
 - Mary Wurm – AYE
 Adjourned Closed Session at 8:31 PM.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Board Member**
Dore Elmer made a motion to approve Amir Jackson as a Board Member for a four-year term contingent upon passing a background check; Mary Wurm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Calendaring**
Conference Call Board Meeting April 15, 2014 at 5:30 PM
Board Meeting May 13, 2014 at 5:30 PM
Board Retreat June 27-28, 2014

TRAINING

- Board Governance Training tabled.

ADJOURN

- Loma Prince made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Mary Wurm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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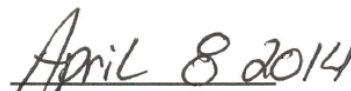
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AFFIDAVIT

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(1)(a).


Preston Allen, Chair


Date