

**Maria Montessori Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 2014**



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

**In Attendance:** Preston Allen, Joan Effiong, Loma Prince, Mary Wurm, Dore Elmer (by phone)

**Excused:** Amir Jackson

**Others in Attendance:** Stephanie Speicher (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Kirk Blake (AW), Trent Brown (AW) (by phone), members of the public

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## MINUTES

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**5:37 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen**

### CONSENT ITEMS

- **Meeting Minutes**  
Loma Prince made a motion to approve the April 8, 2014 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes and the April 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Christine Garcia discussed the Dress Code Policy and requested an amendment based on financial concerns and student relationships.
- Shanan Zollinger as a teacher supports the Dress Code Policy and requests an amendment to allow for plaid and striped shirts.
- Mande Stephens would have liked to see more parent input on policies as well as have the MAPA President serve as a liaison between the parents and the Board.
- Monique Penman discussed a Dress Code Policy amendment and faculty dress standards. She also would like to see a clothing drive held.
- Jessi Howard would like an allowance to the Dress Code Policy for stripes and plaids.
- Branson Pilster, the Student Body President of the Student Council, presented a petition to the Board Chair asking for plaid and stripes to be allowed.

- Sarah Powell asked to have an amendment to the Dress Code Policy and have teachers be an example on appropriate school dress.
- Niko Garcia would like to see more allowances to the Dress Code Policy and feels he should be able express creativity through dress.
- Jonas Zollinger feels the Dress Code Policy provides a sense of equality but would like to see stripes and plaids allowed and provide students with the ability to express independence through clothing.

#### **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; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
  - Preston Allen – AYE
  - Joan Effiong – AYE
  - Loma Prince – AYE
  - Mary Wurm – AYE
  - Dore Elmer – AYE
 Entered Closed Session at 5:57 PM.  
 The public left at 5:57 PM.  
 Stephanie Speicher was absent from 6:02 PM to 6:22 PM.
  
- Loma Prince made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session; Mary Wurm seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
  - Preston Allen – AYE
  - Joan Effiong – AYE
  - Loma Prince – AYE
  - Mary Wurm – AYE
  - Dore Elmer – AYE
 Adjourned Closed Session at 6:22 PM.

#### **REPORTS**

- **Budget Report**  
 Ryan Arrington reviewed the budget as well as the funding allocations that are on track for this fiscal year. IDEA funding is based off last year's numbers and the increased costs this year are being examined.  
 Ryan Arrington left at 6:30 PM.
- **MAPA Update**  
 Dore Elmer reviewed the fundraising efforts for MAPA. The new MAPA Board starts in July, Field Day is at the end of the school year, and MAPA will be making meals for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- **Directors Report**  
 Stephanie Speicher discussed the state of the school including professional development workshops, the sixth grade field trip, and assessments. Summer

purchases and projects are being analyzed and the reunification drill went smoothly. Preston Allen discussed the sixth grade field trip and the students showcasing proper grace and courtesy. Stephanie Speicher discussed estimated enrollment for fall and the junior high projections.

## VOTING ITEMS

- **E-Rate Resolution**  
The Board discussed service providers and the E-Rate resolution. Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the Resolution for schools and libraries universal services (E-Rate) for 2014-2015, authorizing filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2014-2015 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services and approve Stephanie Speicher as the E-Rate authorized signer; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Portables and Facilities Renovations, Costs, and Lease Agreements**  
The Board reviewed the ModSpace Agreement details, rent costs, and insurance increases. Trent Brown joined by phone at 7:05 PM. Trent Brown discussed the utility runs, cost breakdowns, and payment options available. The placement of the lines and the addition of a fourth portable were discussed. The layout of the portables and restrooms were reviewed for privacy purposes as well as the increased insurance costs to cover the portables. Trent Brown left the meeting at 7:16 PM. Mary Wurm made a motion to approve up to \$210,000 for portable costs, the ModSpace Agreement and rent, and insurance costs; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Year-End Compensation**  
Loma Prince made a motion to approve the end of year bonuses as discussed; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Charter Effectiveness Goals 5 & 6**  
The Board reviewed the effectiveness goals in the charter application, including Spanish instruction, course offerings, and school-wide community service.
- **Action Items**  
The Board reviewed the status of current action items.
- **Calendar**
  - Board Retreat June 27-28, 2014

## TRAINING

- **Open Meetings Act Training**  
The annual Open Meetings Act Training will be completed at the Board Retreat.
- **Board Governance Training**  
Preston Allen led the training on Charter School Board University Chapter 12. The training discussed the ability to focus on core principals to create greater outcomes. The items that the Board should focus on were discussed as well as an exercise the

Board could use to determine how to effectively manage Board Meeting time.

**ADJOURN**

- Dore Elmer made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Joan Effiong seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Board Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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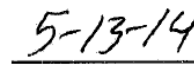
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**AFFIDAVIT**

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**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).**

  
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Preston Allen, Chair

  
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Date