

**Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2013**



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

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

Excused: Yana Sprague

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), members of the public

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

MINUTES

5:39 PM - CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following individuals made a public comment:
 - William Thompson

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Meeting Minutes**
Dore Elmer moved to approve the September 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Resignation**
The Board thanked Yana Sprague for her dedication to the school and her outstanding efforts as a Board Member.
Loma Prince moved to accept the Resignation of Yana Sprague from the Governing Board of Directors; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **MAPA Update**
Dore Elmer provided an update on MAPA and the general meeting. October is a busy month for MAPA and they are doing a book fair, teacher meals, Red Ribbon Week, and the Fall Festival. A tracking system for donation soliciting has been created and will be used to monitor fundraising efforts. The committee chairs are in place and the tax-exemption application is in process.

- **Directors Report**
Stephanie Speicher discussed the status of the school and the student leadership that is occurring through the student council. Achievement goals for reading and math proficiency have been set and tools are in place to assist students. Strategies will be tracked throughout the year to help improve student performance.
Enrollment is at full capacity and the October 1 Count went well and will be reported. The 5K run was a success and there was great community response. Seventh graders will be visiting Hologren's Historical Farm for curriculum experiences and service learning. Weber School District is open to sharing resources for anti-bullying workshops and they will be utilized to help educate the school community.
- **Budget Report**
Loma Prince and Ryan Arrington reviewed the budget and UCA budget. Student enrollment and budget implications were discussed and how the adjustments will be accounted for in restricted funds. The UCA budget amounts will be revised throughout the school year based on federal funding and student counts.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Utah Consolidated Achievement (UCA) Plans**
Joan Effiong moved to approve the 2013-2014 Utah Consolidated Achievement Plans and Budget, including: Title IA Plan, Title IIA Plan, Accelerated Students Program Plan (Gifted and Talented), Enhancement for At-Risk Students Plan, Early Childhood Programs K-3 Reading Achievement Plan, and the IDEA School-Aged Plans; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Safe School Policy**
The Board reviewed the changes to the policy in order to meet state standards. Loma Prince moved to approve the revised Safe School Policy; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Special Education Contracts and Rates**
Stephanie Speicher discussed special education contracts and the services that are being provided in relation to the cost. The regulation of services will be tracked and monitored by the Director in relation to the caseload.
Dore Elmer moved to approve the Special Education Contracts and Rates for Speech and Language Therapy (Laura Walker and Jessica Edwards) and Occupation Therapy Services (Charter School Therapy); Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **E-Rate Policies and Designated Signer**
Kim Dohrer discussed the E-Rate discounts that schools receive and the need to approve policies to be in compliance.
Loma Prince moved to approve Stephanie Speicher as the designated E-Rate signer and approve the E-Rate Gift Policy, the E-Rate Procurement Policy, and the E-Rate Record Retention Policy; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Board Composition**
A discussion on the size of the Board and recruitment of a new Board Member occurred. The Board Member recruitment flyer will be posted and the Board will review applicants and choose candidates for an interview.
- **Action Items**
The Board reviewed the action items and discussed newly assigned action items.
- **Calendaring**
 - Board Meeting November 12, 2013 at 5:30 PM

BOARD TRAINING

- **Charter School Board University Chapter 11**
Joan Effiong reviewed the role of governance at the school and the differences in roles between the Board, administration, and staff/faculty.

ADJOURN

- Joan Effiong moved to adjourn the Board Meeting; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.