

**Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2013**



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

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

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Sandi Weber (AW), Ken Jeppsen (Eide Bailly), Alden Moon (Eide Bailly)

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MINUTES

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

MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY TRAINING

- Montessori Philosophy Training tabled to the next Board Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

- Joan Effiong moved to enter a Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
 - Loma Prince – AYE
 - Dore Elmer – AYE

Entered Closed Session at 5:39 PM.

Stephanie Speicher was excused from 5:52 PM to 6:05 PM.

- Loma Prince moved to adjourn the Closed Session and return to open session; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
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- Dore Elmer – AYE
Adjourned Closed Session at 6:05 PM.

PRESENTATION

- **Audit Report**
Ken Jeppsen and Alden Moon arrived at 6:05 PM.
Eide Bailly reported on the audit observations and policies that were reviewed in accordance with the schools annual finances. The school received a clean opinion and no errors or adjustments were found. Statements were provided and the policy footnotes were reviewed.
Ken Jeppsen and Alden Moon left at 6:32 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting Minutes**
Dore Elmer moved to approve the October 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- **MAPA Update**
Dore Elmer reported on MAPA and the activities the organization is sponsoring. The Fall Festival generated \$3,400 through a silent auction and the money is in the process of being earmarked for school spending. The Gratitude Feast will be held in November for the North Ogden civil servants and MAPA will provide the food and manpower to serve those in attendance. Red Ribbon Week was held to promote making healthy life choices. The Gala is being planned and the committee has started to secure donations for the raffle and silent auction.
- **Directors Report**
Stephanie Speicher provided an updated on the status of the school. Professional development regarding STEM and curriculum integration took place in November. School safety and security is being increased and the school is going to look at enhancing communication and safety measures.
Math and reading interventions are being fully implemented. Special Education and School LAND Trust funds are being monitored closely and are on target for the year. The preschool is enrolled to capacity and is running smoothly.
MMA is working on building a relationship with the North Ogden Police Department and the School Resource Officers. A grant was received for middle school archery equipment. The Wellness Policy, including its impact on student learning, was discussed. The enforcement of the Wellness Policy in the classrooms was considered and the administration will continue to monitor the policy. Student outcomes for the strategic plan were reviewed and the Montessori Manager system is available for parent use. The Board considered the UCAS grading system, schools scores, and the

homework students are doing at home.

- **Budget Report**

Loma Prince reported on the budget and it is in good condition. The biggest expense in the budget goes to salary and benefits. Ryan Arrington reviewed the outstanding debt the school has incurred and the debt percentage in relation to the budget.

Recorder was stopped to change batteries at 7:24 PM.

VOTING ITEMS

- **FY 2014 Budget**

Dore Elmer moved to approve the amended FY 2013-2014 Budget; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Land Loan Payment**

Ryan Arrington reviewed the loan and the ability of the school to pay off the loan early based on cash flow.

Joan Effiong moved to approve paying off the remainder of the SHED Loan for \$26,147.48; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Holiday Bonuses**

Loma Prince moved to approve the Holiday Bonuses as discussed in the Closed Session; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **UAPCS Membership**

Stephanie Speicher discussed membership in the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools (UAPCS) and the school funds that would be encumbered by joining the association. The Board discussed the legislative movement, training, and the annual conference. The membership will be discussed again at the September 2014 Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Dress Code Policy**

Stephanie Speicher discussed concerns with the Dress Code regarding dresses, collars, hoodies, and free dress days. The Board will set up a committee in January to look at revising the policy in preparation for the next school year.

- **Action Items**

The Board reviewed the pending action items and newly assigned action items.

- **Calendaring**

- Board Holiday Social December 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURN

- Joan Effiong moved to adjourn the Board Meeting; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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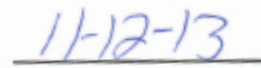
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AFFIDAVIT

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).

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Preston Allen, Chair


Date