

# Maria Montessori Academy

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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



In Attendance: Loma Prince, Joan Effiong, Mary Wurm, Preston Allen, Tony Bassett, Stephanie Speicher, Gabe Clark, Kirk Blake, Ryan Arrington, Ken Jepson, Kacee Weaver

*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.*

## MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER** – By Preston Allen

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.

### CONSENT ITEMS

- September 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes  
Joan Effiong motioned to approve September 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- September 27, 2016 Electronic Board Meeting  
Mary Wurm motioned to approve September 27, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- New Hires  
Loma Prince motioned to approve new hires SaraJo Moore, Marleen Hensley, James Loken. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**MONTESSORI TRAINING** – Kacee Weaver provided training on grading methods used at Maria Montessori Academy for the board. The school currently uses Standards Based Grading. The board liked the grading system and how it coincides with Montessori methods.

### REPORTS

- Directors Report – Stephanie Speicher spoke to the board of directors regarding the status of the school. The gratitude feast is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Stephanie recently attended a leadership conference. Student enrollment is steady and where it needs to be. Stephanie also went over the LIP report.

- Budget Report – Mary Wurm followed up the audit report with a budget report for Maria Montessori. The school is doing well financially due to fiscally sound decisions.
- Audit Report – Ken Jepson provided a review of the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2016 to the board of directors. He reviewed a letter regarding the findings and presented it to the board of directors. Ken reviewed the financial statements as well.

Mary Wurm made a motion to enter CLOSED SESSION. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Preston Allen – Aye  
Loma Prince – Aye  
Joan Effiong – Aye  
Tony Bassett – Aye  
Mary Wurm – Aye

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL** to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

Tony Bassett made a motion to come out of CLOSED SESSION. Loma Prince seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Preston Allen – Aye  
Loma Prince – Aye  
Joan Effiong – Aye  
Tony Bassett – Aye  
Mary Wurm – Aye

**BUSINESS ITEMS (to be discussed and/or voted)**

- Mid-Year Compensation - Mary Wurm motioned to approve mid-year compensation as stated in closed session. Tony Bassett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Loan for Jr. High Addition – The board of directors discussed the process to apply for a loan to build the addition for the junior high. The process for this will take place in a few months. No vote is needed at this time.

- Field Trip Expenses – Stephanie would like to approve a portion of the field trip expense.  
Loma Prince motioned to approve the Amtrak expense for the field trip up to \$6,000. Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

- Action Items – Junior High building committee to meet to begin RFP process
- Calendaring
  - January 10, 2017 Board Meeting

#### **ADJOURN**

Tony Bassett motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 7:14PM. Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passes.