

Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2014



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

In Attendance: Preston Allen, Joan Effiong, Loma Prince, Mary Wurm, Dore Elmer, Amir Jackson

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), and Kirk Blake (AW)

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

CALL TO ORDER

CONSENT ITEMS

- June 27-28, 2014 Board Retreat and Closed Session Minutes
Dore Elmer made a motion to approve June 27-28 Retreat and Closed Session Minutes. Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed. Votes as follows:
Preston Allen – Aye
Dore Elmer – Aye
Mary Wurm – Aye
Joan Effiong - Aye
Loma Prince – Abstained

- Staff Handbook, Parent/Student Handbook, Junior High Handbook
Stephanie Speicher discussed handbooks. There was a minor change to the dress code for staff. There were a few minor modifications to curriculum.

Joan Effiong made a motion to approve the staff, parent/student, and junior high handbooks with changes that have been made tonight with permission to only bring back the handbooks for Board approval when substantial changes are made. Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The board took a tour of the school to see updates and renovations that have taken place over the summer.

Amir Jackson left at 6:45PM

REPORTS

- Directors Report
Stephanie Speicher provided an overview of training for teachers, Montessori

Compass, and DIBELS testing. She identified the strategy for helping students with diverse needs. Stephanie Speicher also identified the current enrollment of 641 for Maria Montessori Academy. Stephanie discussed costs associated with the portables for the Junior High School.

VOTING ITEMS

- Purchase of Montessori Compass
There was a discussion involving the need for Montessori Compass. There was research completed by a committee to understand Montessori Compass compared to similar products. Purchase cost is for one year.

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve up to \$7,500 for the purchase of Montessori Compass. Mary Wurm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Director Evaluation Tool
Kim Dohrer discussed the timeline of when to have the Director Evaluation Tool. The board would like to approve it at the next board meeting.
- Calendaring
 - Board Meeting - September 9, 2014
 - MAPA Updates
Stephanie will be meeting with MAPA August 6, 2014.
- Action Items
 - Schedule Electronic Board Meeting (Monday August 11)
 - Gift for volunteers that have helped with new play area (from Board and Stephanie) and a thank you plaque for sponsors.
 - Director Evaluation Tool
The board would like to have the director evaluation tool ready for approval at the next board meeting that is September 9th. Kim Dohrer will work with Stephanie Speicher to finalize the Director Evaluation Tool.

TRAINING

- Board Governance Training – Joan
Charter School Board University Chapter 13
Joan Effiong talked about the amount of time the board took on various topics throughout the board meeting. The board discussed the efficiency and focus on their topics. The board should focus on student outcomes and finances.

ADJOURN

Mary Wurm made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:29PM; Dore Elmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.