

Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Location: 2505 N. 200 E.
North Ogden, UT 84414



In attendance: Preston Allen, Joan Effiong, Neil Garner, Tony Bassett, Mary Wurm, René Baker, Kim Dohrer, Ryan Arrington, Kirk Blake, and Lani Rounds

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

5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Joan Effiong

Joan Effiong requested that all in attendance offer a moment of silence in light of recent community events.

5:30 PM – PUBLIC COMMENT

Danen Lynn, Marnie Bushman, Steven Wright and Lynette Jensen read a letter from MMAC to the board of directors giving feedback from MMAC and survey they conducted.

5:45 PM – Board Member Interviews

The board interviewed Natalie Monsen and Sarah Fannesbeck for a position on the board.

6:15PM – CONSENT ITEMS

- October 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes - *Preston Allen made a motion to approve the October 9, 2018 board meeting minutes; Neil Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- New Hires. – René Baker provided information to the board about hiring Becky Bird.

6:20 PM – REPORTS

- Directors Report – René Baker updated the board about the training from Westminster Institute for Montessori Training is in the 3rd session. She also discussed that they (office and staff) are reviewing and tweaking processes to support the Cash Handling Policy. There have been interviews for redwoods trip chaperones. She also provided an update to the board on enrollment numbers.
- Budget Report – Ryan Arrington provided a budget report to the board of directors and current financial standings. The financial committee continues to meet regularly with administration to discuss financial matters.

6:45 PM -- BUSINESS ITEMS (to be discussed and/or voted)

Human Sexuality/Sex Education Instruction Policy Lani Rounds and René Baker provided a review of this policy. *Tony Bassett made a motion to approve Human Sexuality/Sex Education Policy; Neil Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

- Student Conduct and Discipline Policy *Tony Bassett made a motion to approve the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy; Neil Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Course Substitution Policy -There was brief discussion regarding the course substitution policy. René Baker answered questions about the policy. *Tony Bassett made a motion to approve the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy; Mary Wurm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- At Risk Definition René Baker reviewed the definition that she would like adopted at MMA. *Tony Bassett made a motion to approve the At-Risk Definition for MMA; Mary Wurm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Tuition Reimbursement René Baker discussed the two individuals that are seeking tuition reimbursement. *Neil Garner motioned to approve tuition reimbursement agreement for Dana Archuleta and reimbursement upon completion of coursework in the amount of \$1350 and to reimburse Martha Treace in the amount of \$1350. Preston Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- OT Contract René Baker discussed the company Charter School Thereapy and that they are good to work with and successful with MMA students. *Preston Allen made a motion to approve the occupational therapy contract with charter school therapy. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

7:00 PM – OTHER ITEMS

- Action Items
 - Committees There were no updates from committees.
- Calendaring
 - January board meeting set for January 8, 2019

Neil Garner made a motion at 6:43PM to enter into a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(I)(a). Tony Bassett seconded the motion. Voting as follows:

- *Tony Bassett – Aye*
- *Neil Garner – Aye*
- *Joan Effiong – Aye*
- *Preston Allen – Aye*
- *Mary Wurm – Aye*

Location: Board room at MMA.

7:15 PM CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(I)(a).

Preston Allen made a motion to come out of closed session. Neil Garner seconded the motion. Voting as follows:

Tony Bassett – Aye

Neil Garner – Aye

Joan Effiong – Aye

Preston Allen – Aye

7:55 PM BUSINESS ITEMS (to be discussed and/or voted)

- Board Member -*Preston Allen made a motion to approve both Natalie Monsen and Sarah Fannesbeck as MMA board members pending background check approval. Tony Bassett seconded the motion.*

8:00 PM – ADJOURN

Before the board meeting closed a few board members made comment about the loss of the students and mayor and expressed condolences to those affected. *Neil Garner made a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM. Tony Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*