

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
September 26, 2017
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Jill Riester, Jeff Li, Ed Gonzales, Allie Sisneros and Joanne Li

Absent: None

Administration: Mary Jane Besante, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Joanne Li

Jill called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:41 pm and confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of meeting agenda:

Allie's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Joanne and passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Review and approve regular meeting minutes for August 15, 2017

Allie's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2017 was seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Finance Committee:

- A. BARS
 - a. No Bars presented this month.
- B. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the June & August expense reports. Reimbursements to administrators were reviewed by the council and all questions were answered.
 - a. Allie's motion to approve the June & August expense reports was seconded by Joanne and passed unanimously.
- C. Chair Update – No additional updates.

Discussion 2017-18 Audit Committee Members

The council discussed Audit Committee Membership and meetings for this year.

Discussion/Action – Election of Council Secretary

After our last meeting, Joanne Li resigned from the position of council secretary. The council discussed election of a new Secretary.

Joanne's motion to nominate Jeff Li as council Secretary was seconded by Allie and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Update Governing Council Bylaws

Jeff discussed our current bylaws with the governing council.

Jeff's motion to update the Governing Council Bylaws to change the name of the governing body and school from "The Montessori Elementary School" to "The Montessori Elementary and Middle School" and replace every instance of "TMES" with "TMEMS" was seconded by Joanne. Jill took a roll call vote of the council members with all members voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The governing council discussed required board training for this school year.

Director’s Report:

Mary Jane presented the Directors report to the GC. The student count for SY17-18 is 416. See attached report for details.

New Business – Next Regular Meeting: October 24, 2017.

Adjournment

Joanne’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ed and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Jeff Li, Secretary