

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Alan Li (president), Ed Gonzales (vice president), Jordan Reed (secretary), Mary Salazar

Absent: Pablo Torres

Administration: Mary Jane Besante, Stan Albrycht, Piper Curry, Amanda Hagerty, Alissa Sanchez

Note taker: Jordan Reed

Call to Order

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:36 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Ed's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Mary. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve meeting minutes for August 23, 2022

Mary's motion to approve the minutes from the regular governing council meeting held on August 23, 2022, was seconded by Ed. The motion to approve passed 3-0 with 1 abstention. Jordan abstained as she was not present for the second half of the August 23rd meeting.

Discussion/ Action – Finance Committee

1. BARS

- There were no bars.

2. Expense Reports

- Ed's motion to approve the August 2022 Expenditure Report was seconded by Mary. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair – Update

- As Pablo was absent Stan presented the finance committee chair update. Midterm audit conference was held yesterday. Committee members attended. "We are in good shape."

Discussion/Action -- Director's Report

Mary Jane presented the Director's Report to the Governing Council. Current student count for the 2022/2023 school year is 441. The annual Carnival fundraiser went well. Amanda reviewed disciplinary policies and referrals, SEL curriculum and mental health referrals, Elevate teacher observations, and professional development for teachers. Alissa first reviewed the reinstatement of the Polish exchange program. It is back up and running and 8 exchange students are currently here, TMMS 8th graders will go

to Italy for their big trip this year, but we are hoping to return to Poland soon. She then reviewed recent and upcoming field trips. Piper reviewed the most recent MSSA scores (math and ELA), as well as special education and SAT intervention efforts. Piper will be discussing the equity council in more detail during our next meeting. Please see attached report for additional details.

Discussion – Board Training

Jordan, Mary, and Ed will attend the board training/governing council conference in December at the Tamaya. Alan and Pablo will be completing training independently.

New Business – Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Jordan’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary & Middle School

By: _____
Jordan M. Reed, Secretary