

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
October 24th, 2023
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Salazar, Jeffrey Li, Gregory Marez, Mary Chappell

Absent: None

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty, Alissa Sanchez

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:43 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote. All GC members were present, with Jeffrey and Gregory joining via telecom.

Approval of meeting agenda

Mary S.'s motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Special Meeting minutes for October 16th, 2023

Mary S.'s motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting, held on October 16th, 2023, was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. There were no BARS.

- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the September expense report.
 - A. Mary C.'s motion to approve the September expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

- III. Chair Update – None.

CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Patricia Matthews, Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty, and Alissa Sanchez was seconded by Mary C.. The motion to move to a Closed Session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 4:52 pm. Due to outside commitments, Mary Salazar departed the meeting at 5:30 pm. The meeting reopened at 5:40 pm.

Discussion/Action – Matters Discussed in Closed Session

Alan’s motion to reconvene in Open Session and to reaffirm that only matters related to pending litigation were discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary C.’s motion to appoint Alan Li to represent the Governing Council as its representative for an upcoming arbitration hearing was seconded by Jeff. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Mary C.’s motion to approve the newPolicy 274: Job Abandonment (Voluntary Resignation) was seconded by Gregory. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Gregory’s motion to approve the amended Policy 305: Student Dress Code, as it relates to Pre-K and Elementary Dress Code, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Gregory’s motion to approve the amended Policy 618: Pets at The Montessori Elementary and Middle School, as it relates to qualifications for ‘service animals’, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion – Director’s Report

Current student count is 444. See attached Director’s report.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The Board discussed current Board Training requirements of new and returning members. In addition, discussion of potentially attending the PCSNM Annual Conference was had.

New Business – Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for November 28th.

Adjournment

Gregory’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary C. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary