

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
November 28, 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: Mary Salazar

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:34 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote. All GC members were present.

Approval of meeting agenda

Mary C's motion to approve the agenda, with amending the date on item 3 to 'October 24th' was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Sherry, a TMEMS teacher, introduced herself to the Board and spoke about her participation in The ALD Program, an administrative leadership program.

Ms. Victoria, also a TMEMS teacher, introduced herself and spoke about her participation in the ALD program, as well.

Review and approve the Special Meeting minutes for October 24th, 2023

Mary S.'s motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting, held on October 24th, 2023, was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Review and amend meeting minutes for meeting September 26, 2023

Jeff moved to amend the meeting minutes from September 26, 2023, to include the missing section:

'Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policy

Jeff's motion to approve updated policies: 249: Payroll Distribution; 269: Racialized Aggression; and new policies: 273: Grievance against Head Administrator; 346: Before and After Care; was seconded by Mary and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote.'

Mary S. seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. There were no BARS.
- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the October expense report.
 - A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the October expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Mary C. and passed with one abstention by Jeff Li.
- 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 4:44 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 Jeff Li. The motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote at 5:23.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Mary S.'s motion to approve the update to Policy #617 to remove the strikethrough was seconded by Greg and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mary C.'s motion to update Policy #528 to add Title IX to Retention of Record Policy was seconded by Jeff and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Review of Policy 127, New Governing Council Training was tabled without objection.

Gregory's motion to approve the amended Policy 421: Outside service providers on campus was seconded by Mary C. and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action

Board members reviewed the Professional Development Plan for Acting Executive Director, Piper Curry. Mary S.'s motion to approve the PDP for Piper Curry was seconded by Mary C. and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action

Piper Curry explained the process of reviewing the system for laptops and chromebooks aging out.

Mary S.'s motion to proceed with the process of dismissal of chromebooks identified in the Board packet was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Discussion – Director's Report

Current student count is 442. See attached Director's report.

New Business – Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for December 12, 2023.

Adjournment

Mary C.'s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary