

**MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
September 26th, 2023
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

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

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 4:37 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote. All GC members were present.

Approval of meeting agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve Regular Meeting minutes for August 22nd, 2023

Mary's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on August 22nd, 2023, amended to include explicit mention of the number of speakers and number of signatories to the open letter was seconded by Gregory and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

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

- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the August expense report.
 - A. Mary's motion to approve the August expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Mary and passed 4-0.

- III. Chair Update – Mary had Stan explain the current PED Cash Report for FY 23-24 and that the roofing issue is to be fixed the day after the meeting.

Discussion/Action – Election of new Governing Council Member

The Nominating Committee, composed of Alan Li, Mary Salazar, and Stan Albrycht, interviewed Mary Chappell for the vacancy from Charlie Kraft's resignation.

Mary Salazar's motion to elect Mary Chappell to the Governance Council was seconded by Gregory. The motion to elect Mary Chappell passed 4-0 via roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The Governing Council worked with the DDSK Group to refresh the GC on the duties and responsibilities of Charter School Boards as well as putting together a document for onboarding future members of the GC.

Stan and Amanda left the meeting at 6:07 pm.

CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Alissa Sanchez and Piper Curry, was seconded by Mary. The motion to move to a Closed Session passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 7:04 pm. The meeting reopened at 7:20 pm

Discussion/Action – Matters Discussed in Closed Session

Jeff'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 Gregory. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

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.

Discussion/Action – Purchasing Card Discussion

Without objection, Alan's motion to table this agenda item was seconded by Jeff and passed 4-0.

Discussion/Action – Chromebook disposal

Gregory's motion to approve proper disposal of the presented Chromebooks was seconded by Mary and passed 4-0

Discussion – Director's Report

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

Discussion/Action – Acting Executive Director's Title Change

Due to pending litigation, the Governing Council decided that no operational or titular change will be done at this time. Gregory's motion to table this agenda item was seconded by Mary and passed 4-0.

New Business – Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for October 24th.

Adjournment

Alan's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Gregory. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary