

**MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

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

**Absent:**

**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 4:34 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Jordan's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Pablo. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Review and approve meeting minutes for the Special Meeting held on January 19, 2023**

Ed's motion to approve the minutes from the special governing council meeting held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 was seconded by Mary. The motion to approve passed 4-0, with Jordan abstaining as she was not present at the meeting.

**Discussion/ Action – Finance Committee**

**1. BARS**

- There were no bars.

**2. Expense Reports**

- Jordan's motion to approve the December 2023 Expenditure Report was seconded by Pablo. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Chair – Update**

- Pablo presented the finance committee chair update. There were three reimbursements, Pablo and Ed reviewed the reimbursements and signed off on them.

**Discussion/Action -- Director's Report**

Mary Jane presented the Director's Report the Governing Council. Current student count for the 2022/23 school year is 445. Please see attached report for additional details.

Amanda discussed recent and upcoming events including student performances; reviewed upcoming observation and evaluation of Montessori practices and environment; and discussed SEL curriculum and training.

Alissa discussed upcoming Big Trips for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Piper discussed recent Renaissance scores/data, upcoming ELL testing, special education students and referrals, and the equity council.

#### **Closed Session – Personnel Issues**

Jordan's motion to move to a closed session inviting Mary Jane, Stan, Amanda, Alissa and Piper to join us was seconded by Mary. The motion to move to a closed session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council moved to a closed session at 5:03 pm. Jordan's motion to leave a closed session was seconded by Ed at 5:30 pm, the motion passed unanimously. Only personnel issues were discussed, and no votes were taken.

#### **Discussion – Board Training**

Ed and Jordan have completed 8 hours of training; Mary has completed some training and is checking on how much new board training she needs to complete via Canvas. Pablo, and Alan will also complete an upcoming training.

#### **New Business – Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Jordan's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Signed:

**Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary & Middle School**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jordan M. Reed, Secretary