

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
January 23rd, 2024
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 Albryct

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 members were present.

Approval of meeting agenda

Mary S's motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Greg. and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 16th, 2024

Greg's motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting, held on January 16th, 2024, was seconded by Jeff. and passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, 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 4:39 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 5-0 by a roll call vote at 5:21 pm.

Mary S. moved to approve a resolution of the employment matter pending before the governing council discussed in closed session and further, authorize Alan Li, President to execute the settlement agreement

after counsel has finalized the form of the agreement without changing any of the material terms. Gregory seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 by roll call vote with the following votes:

Alan Li – Abstain
Mary Salazar – Aye
Jeff Li – Abstain
Gregory Marez – Aye
Mary Chappell – Aye

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

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

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

- III. Chair Update – None.

Discussion – Director's Report

Current student count is 443. See attached Director's report.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Mary C.'s motion to approve the amended Policy 125, as it relates to clarifying participation in public comment, was seconded by Jeff. The motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The Board discussed current Board Training requirements of new and returning members.

New Business – Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for February 27th.

Adjournment

Greg's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary