

**Draft MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL  
February 27th, 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 Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:38 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote. All other members were present.

**Approval of meeting agenda**

Alan's motion to approve the agenda, amended to move item 4, 'Discussion/Action – 2024-2025 School Year Lottery', to after 'Discussion/Action – Matters discussed in Closed Session', was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 23rd, 2024**

Mary C.'s motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on January 23rd, 2024, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation**

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Patricia Matthews; Piper Curry; Stal Albrycht; Amanda Hagerty; and Alissa Sanchez, was seconded by Mary S. The motion to move to a Closed Session passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 4:40 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 Gregory. The motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote at 5:00 pm.

Mary C. moved to authorize Quentin Smith, attorney, to finalize the terms of the settlement and release document related to the arbitration filed by Mary Jane Besante; for Mr. Alan Li to authorize minor changes to the agreement that do not involve material changes to the agreed upon settlement; to authorize our attorney to file a miscellaneous action in the Second Judicial District Court to approve the settlement agreement; and once approved by the court, for our attorney to submit the approved settlement agreement to the Secretary of New Mexico Public Education Department as contemplated by regulation. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 by roll call vote with the following votes:

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

**Discussion/Action – 2024-2025 School Year Lottery**

The GC took turns pulling random numbers for the 2024/2025 school year lottery. 52 Spaces for kindergarten were pulled, 16 spaces for 6th grade were pulled, 11 spaces for 7<sup>th</sup> grade were pulled, and 8 spaces for 8<sup>th</sup> grade were pulled: Official records are at the Schools Office.

**Kindergarten**

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. 165  | 12. 123 | 23. 116 | 34. 65  | 45. 104 |
| 2. 13   | 13. 141 | 24. 23  | 35. 153 | 46. 125 |
| 3. 34   | 14. 144 | 25. 110 | 36. 35  | 47. 4   |
| 4. 21   | 15. 88  | 26. 83  | 37. 156 | 48. 18  |
| 5. 60   | 16. 27  | 27. 87  | 38. 90  | 49. 38  |
| 6. 43   | 17. 166 | 28. 62  | 39. 170 | 50. 19  |
| 7. 45   | 18. 134 | 29. 69  | 40. 154 | 51. 163 |
| 8. 20   | 19. 119 | 30. 84  | 41. 99  | 52. 169 |
| 9. 15   | 20. 54  | 31. 97  | 42. 120 |         |
| 10. 171 | 21. 50  | 32. 10  | 43. 131 |         |
| 11. 26  | 22. 107 | 33. 40  | 44. 66  |         |

**6th Grade**

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|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1. 9  | 5. 33 | 9. 58  | 13. 59 |
| 2. 54 | 6. 2  | 10. 15 | 14. 1  |
| 3. 10 | 7. 30 | 11. 28 | 15. 14 |
| 4. 34 | 8. 45 | 12. 61 | 16. 57 |

**7th Grade**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. 12 | 4. 8  | 7. 6  | 10. 1 |
| 2. 7  | 5. 10 | 8. 11 | 11. 3 |
| 3. 2  | 6. 9  | 9. 5  |       |

## **8th Grade**

1. 1	3. 8	5. 5	7. 4
2. 3	4. 7	6. 6	8. 2

## **Discussion/Action – Finance Committee**

### **I. BARS**

- A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the below BARS, was seconded by Mary C. and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

1.529-000-2324-0001-I

2.529-000-2324-0002-IB

3.529-000-2324-0003-I

4.529-000-2324-0056-IB

5.529-000-2324-0006-IB

- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the January expense report.

- A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the January expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.

- III. Chair Update – The chair informed the GC that they would be able to speak about the audit report at the next meeting.

## **Discussion – Director's Report**

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

## **Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies**

Mary S.'s motion to approve updates to Policy 266: Criminal Background Checks, was seconded by Jeff and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

## **Discussion/Action – Board Training**

The GC discussed what hours were left for members and what opportunities for completion remain.

## **New Business – Next Meeting**

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for March 19th, to avoid the Spring Break period.

## **Adjournment**

Greg's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Signed: Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary