

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
May 28th, 2024
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

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

Absent: Mary Chappell

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:33 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

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

Mary S.'s motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on April 23rd, 2024, amended to correct 'Approval of the Agenda' item from Mary C. seconding the motion to Mary S., was seconded by Greg and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. None.

- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the April expense report.
 - A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the April 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 442. See attached Director's report.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Mary S's motion to approve an update to Policy 308: Rights and Responsibilities, updating it to be in line with current legislation, was seconded by Greg and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary S's motion to approve an update to Policy 309: Sexual Harassment - Students, to clarify reporting language, was seconded by Greg and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary C's motion to approve an update to Policy 316: Student Safe Schools - Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, Hazing, Violence, and Discrimination, to update reporting options, was seconded by Mary S. and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

Mary C's motion to approve an update to Policy 322: Student Freedom of Expression, to correct a typo, was seconded by Greg and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, and Amanda Hagarty, was seconded by Jeff. The motion to move to a Closed Session passed 4-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 4:54 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 Greg. The motion passed 4-0 by a roll call vote at 5:06 pm.

Jeff's motion for the GC to give the President authority to represent matters regarding the associated litigation, including conversation and direction with attorneys and signing verification documents, excluding substantive decisions without GC approval, was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 3-0-1 by the below roll call vote:

Alan – Abstain

Mary S. – Aye

Jeff – Aye

Greg – Aye

Discussion/Action – Board Training

All remaining training has been verified completed or scheduled for completion by the end of June.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for June 11th.

Adjournment

Mary S's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Greg and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary