

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

Present: Alan Li, Mary Chappell, Mary Salazar, Denise Rumely, Javier Benavidez

Absent: None

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 5:41 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Special Meeting minutes for December 17th, 2024

Javier's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on December 17th, 2024, amended to correct a wrong date at the top, was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. None.

- 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 Javier and passed unanimously.

- III. Chair Update – None.

CLOSED SESSION – Limited personnel matters & matters relating to a student

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Piper Curry, Amanda Hagerty, and Tahirih Garcia, 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 5:47 pm.

Tahirih left the Closed Session at 5:58 pm.

Discussion/Action- Matters Discussed in Closed Session

Alan's motion to reconvene in Open Session and to reaffirm that only matters related to limited personnel matters and matters relating to a student were discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote at 6:25 pm.

Mary C's motion for the GC to give the President authorization to draft and issue appropriate responses as needed, was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 4-0-1 by the below roll call vote:

Alan – Abstain

Mary C. – Aye

Mary S. – Aye

Denise – Aye

Javier – Aye

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 445. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Grade Level Change Amendment

Alan's motion to approve the 'Grade Level Change Amendment request Form', was seconded by Javier and passed 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies & Employee Handbook Updates

Alan's motion to table items 9 & 10, Updated/New Policies & Employee Handbook Updates, respectively, was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The GC spoke on remaining training for members.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for February 25th, at 4:30 pm. A note was discussed that meetings would return to the normal 4:30 pm time frame again starting in February.

Adjournment

Javier's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary