

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
April 1st, 2025
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Salazar, Javier Benavidez

Absent: Mary Chappell, Denise Rumely

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty, Alissa Sanchez

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:40 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

Javier's motion to approve the agenda, amended to move Item 4, Discussion/Action - Finance Committee, to after Item 9: Discussion/Action - Property Use, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Special Meeting minutes for February 25th, 2025

Mary S's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on February 25th, 2025, amended to correct misspellings of Javier's name, was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 443. See attached report.

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

Javier's motion to approve Policy 624: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), was seconded by Mary S., and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Mary S's motion to approve Policy 349: FERPA, Parental Rights, and Student Privacy, was seconded by Javier, and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Alan's motion to approve Policy 350: Tribal Regalia at School Events, was seconded by Mary S. and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Javier's motion to approve an update to Policy 345: Head Lice, was seconded by Mary S., and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Mary S.'s motion to approve an update to Policy 303: Emergency Leave policy for Students, was seconded by Javier, and approved 3-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Student/Parent Handbook Updates

Alan's motion to approve updates to the Student/Parent Handbook regarding Policy 350, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action - Chromebook Disposal

Alan's motion to table this item was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action - Property Use

The administration informed the board about issues regarding the north lot with the concerns about dust and potential issues arising from that. The GC was told there will be options regarding solutions at the next meeting.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. 529-000-2425-0014-D
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Javier, and passed unanimously.
- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the February expense report.
 - A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the February expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – Mary updated the board on matters related to the upcoming audit report release.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The GC spoke on remaining training for members and some missing training hours from board members.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for April 29th, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Mary S.'s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary