

**Draft MINUTES OF  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL  
April 29th, 2025  
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1730 Montano Road, NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

Present: Alan Li, Mary Salazar, Mary Chappell (virtual), Denise Rumely

Absent: Javier Benavidez

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty

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. Mary C and Javier were absent.

**Approval of meeting agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 01st, 2025**

Mary S.'s motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on April 01st, 2025, was seconded by Alan and passed unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION – Pending Litigation**

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, inviting Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty, Patricia Matthews, and Andrea Robeda, was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 3-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 4:42 pm.

Mary Chappell joined the meeting virtually at 4:45 pm. She would leave at 6:00 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 was discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Denise. The motion passed 3-0 by a roll call vote and the meeting reopened at 6:05 pm.

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

- I. BARS
  - A. 529-000-2425-0016-M
    - 1. Mary S.'s motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Denise, and passed unanimously.
  - B. 529-000-2425-0013-I
    - 1. Mary S.'s motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Denise, and passed unanimously.
  - C. 529-000-2425-0015-I
    - 1. Mary S.'s motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Denise, and passed unanimously.
- II. Expense Reports – Council members reviewed the March expense report.
  - A. Mary S.'s motion to approve the March expense report as reviewed by the finance committee was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – Mary handed over to Stan to present the Quarterly Cash report presentation. The GC was also briefed on the New Mexico House Bill on At Risk Funding and how it would impact the previous projections for next year funding.

### **Discussion/Action – Director's Report**

Current student count is 443. See attached report.

### **Discussion/Action - 2025-2026 Calendar**

Mary S's motion to approve the calendar, pending PED approval, was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action - 2025-2026 Budget**

Mary S's motion to approve the calendar, pending PED approval, was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously.

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

Alan's motion to table Item 10: Updated/New Policies was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously.

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

The GC spoke on Alan and Denise's remaining training. Mary S shows as complete. Awaiting update on Javier.

### **New Business – Next Meeting**

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

**Adjournment**

Denise's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

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

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary