

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

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

Absent: None

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 4:39 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

Alan's motion to approve the agenda, amended to correct a numbering issue, was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 29th, 2025

Mary S's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on April 29th, 2025, was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. 529-000-2425-0018-D
 - 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Mary C., and passed unanimously.
- 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 Denise and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – Mary talked about the work for the new building and recent reimbursements.

CLOSED SESSION – Limited Personnel Matters

Alan's motion to move into Closed Session, was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 5-0 with a roll call vote. The Governing Council closed the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Piper was invited in at 5:01 pm.

Amanda was invited in at 5:10 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 were discussed and no votes were taken, was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 5-0 by a roll call vote and the meeting reopened at 5:35 pm.

Alan's motion to authorize Director Curry to attend the pending employee mediation with the authorization to resolve the matter within the parameters discussed in closed session was seconded by Javier and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Director's End of Year Evaluation (PDP)

Alan's motion to approve the Executive Director's 2024-2025 evaluation was seconded by Denise and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Director's Report

Current student count is 443. See attached report.

Discussion/Action - Bylaw Updates

Javier's motion to approve the updated bylaws was seconded by Mary C. and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action - Title I, II, IV applications

Mary S's motion to approve the Title I, II, and IV applications, was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – IDEA application

Javier's motion to approve the IDEA application was seconded by Mary S. and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

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

Javier left the meeting at this time at 5:02 pm.

Discussion/Action – Resolution #25-003

Alan noted that the Resolution needed to be updated to #25-003 to be in line with 2025 resolution numbering.

Mary S.'s motion to approve Resolution #25-003 regarding HB63 and at risk funding was seconded by Mary C. and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Legal Service Agreement

Mary C.'s motion to approve the Legal Service Agreement for the upcoming year was seconded by Mary S. and passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

The GC spoke on the board's remaining training. Mary S shows as complete.

New Business – Next Meeting

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for June 9th, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Mary S.'s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Alan Li, TMEMS GC Secretary