

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
February 24th, 2026
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1730 Montano Road, NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

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

Absent:

Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht

Note taker: Alan Li

Alan called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council to order at 4:32 pm and confirmed a quorum was present with a roll call vote.

Approval of meeting agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

Review and approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 27th, 2026

Mary C's motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, held on January 27th, 2026, was seconded by Javier and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Finance Committee

- I. BARS
 - A. Mary S's motion to approve the allocation of \$19,919.73 of Title I funds was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.
 - B. 529-000-2526-0026-I
 1. Mary S's motion to approve the BAR was seconded by Mary C and passed unanimously.
- II. Expense Reports – Mary S moved to approve the January Expense Report and was seconded by Mary C. and passed unanimously.
- III. Chair Update – Piper and Stan are nearly complete with the upcoming budget for FY 26-27 to be presented next month.

Discussion/Action – 2026-2027 Lottery pull and waitlist

Due to technical difficulties during the lottery process, only the **Assigned Lottery Numbers** were shuffled. The student initials and dates of birth did not automatically realign during the shuffle as intended.

Please note:

- We are **honoring the assigned lottery number shuffle** as the determining factor for placement order.
 - The number in the far left column labeled **“Order of Admission”** indicates your child’s official position in the lottery.
 - The **green-highlighted row and all names listed below it indicate the waitlist**. Families will be contacted in numerical order as seats become available.
 - To identify your child’s position, match your child’s initials and date of birth to the list, and then refer to the corresponding **Order of Admission** number on the far left.
- The **correct student initials and dates of birth have now been updated and verified** on the posted lottery sheets.
- To locate your child’s placement, please review the following documents for their **grade level for the upcoming school year**.

During this item, Alan moved to recess for 10 minutes starting at 4:55 pm. Javier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The GC reconvened at 5:03 pm.

Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

Policy 700, 703, 704, and 705 were updated with new and updated language based on recommendations from the state. Alan motion to approve the above policies as a batch was seconded by Mary S. The motion passed 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action – Updated 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook

The administration presented an updated 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook that included added High School information, information regarding field trips, an off campus activity form, and the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Mary S’s motion to approve the handbook was seconded by Mary C. The motion passed 3-1 by the following roll call vote:

Alan - Aye

Mary C. - Aye

Mary S. - Aye

Javier - Nay

Discussion/Action – 2026-2027 School Calendar

Javier’s motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar was seconded by Mary S and approved 4-0

Discussion/Action – Director’s Report

Current student count is 485. See attached report.

Discussion/Action – Board Training

Online and asynchronous options were discussed for remaining board training for the school year.

New Business – Next Meeting

Densie Rumley submitted her resignation from the board effective February 23rd. Alan would work with the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy.

The GC scheduled the next Regular Meeting for March 24th at the El Pueblo campus.

Adjournment

Mary S’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Alan and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Signed:

Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary School

By: _____

Denise Rumley, TMA GC Secretary