

**Draft MINUTES OF
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL
TUESDAY, February 25TH, 2025 AT 4:30 P.M.
THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL
1730 MONTANO BLVD. NW
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87107**

Attendance:

- Present: Alan Li (online), Mary Chappell, Mary Salazar, Javier Benavidez
- Absent: Denise Rumely,
- Administration: Piper Curry, Stan Albrycht, Amanda Hagerty, Alissa Sanchez, Tahirih Garcia
- Note taker: Mary Chappell

Welcome, Quorum, and Call to Order

Quorum confirmed. Meeting called to order at 4:37 pm

- 1. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. **Motion:** Mary Salazar
 - b. **2nd motion: Second Board Member:** Javiar
 - c. **Vote:** All in favor/Passed
- 2. Public Comment - none**
- 3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (January 28, 2025)**
 - a. **Motion:** *Javier*
 - b. **2nd motion:** *Mary S*
 - c. **Vote:** All in favor/Passed
- 4. Discussion/Action – Finance Committee**
 - a. **BARS**
 - i. 529-000-2425-0007-1B
 1. **Motion** Mary S
 2. **2nd motion** Javiar
 3. **Vote:** All in favor/Passed
 - b. **Expenses report -**
 - i. Question from Javier regarding grant application. We did not advance for the expansion grant so Piper is reapplying.
 1. **Motion** Mary S
 2. **2nd motion** Alan
 3. **Vote:** All in favor/Passed
 - c. **Chair – no updates**
 - d. **Discussion/Action – 2025-2026 Lottery**

- i. Piper Curry provided an overview of the process which is now randomized on a spreadsheet. Amanda Hegerty conducted the randomized lottery pull.
- ii. Alan Li commented on his appreciation for the process.
- iii. Kira turned on closed captioning to capture Alan's comments in the YouTube channel.

5. Discussion/Action – CAP Increase

- a. Piper Curry discussed the need to update the Cap to 800 students now rather than applying for an increase next year.
- b. **Motion:** Javier
- c. **Second:** Mary S
- d. **Discussion** - none
- e. **Roll Call Vote:**
 - i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary C, Javier
 - ii. Nay - none
- f. **Motion passed**

6. Discussion/Action – 2025-2030 Charter Renewal

- a. Piper Curry summarized the February 14 contract negotiations with the PEC. Awaiting clarification regarding a waiver from the Secretary of Education. We may need to call a special meeting regarding the waiver.
- b. **Motion** Alan
- c. **Second** Mary S
- d. **Discussion** none
- e. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier
 - ii. Nay - none
- f. **Motion passed**

7. Discussion/Action – Director's Report

- a. Current student count is 445.
- b. See attached report.

8. Discussion/Action – Executive Director's Mid-Year PDP

- a. Piper Curry presented updates on her PDP.
 - i. See attached.
- b. **Motion** Mary S
- c. **Second** Alan
- d. **Discussion** Mary C commended Piper's leadership; Alan discussed plans to meet with Piper
- e. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier
 - ii. Nay - none

f. Motion passed

9. Discussion/Action – Updated/New Policies

- a. Lottery policy 302 - needs to be updated from 600 to 800
 - i. **Motion** Mary S
 - ii. **Second** Javiar
 - iii. **Discussion** None
 - iv. **Vote**
 - 1. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier
 - 2. Nay - none
 - v. **Motion Passed**
- b. Dress Code policy 305 - needs to update “any solid dresscode”
 - i. **Motion** Javiar
 - ii. **Second** Mary S
 - iii. **Discussion** None
 - iv. **Vote**
 - 1. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier
 - 2. Nay - none
 - v. **Motion passed**

10. Discussion/Action – 2025-2026 Student Handbook

- a. Piper Curry discussed updates to student handbook, which are continuing with Patty Matthews, legal counsel. Patty recommended changes in wording for clarification. Piper will update the Council on substantive changes that the Council will need to approve.
- b. See attached
 - i. II.8 General Disciplinary
 - ii. II.9 Consequences
- c. **Motion** Mary S
- d. **Second** Mary C
- e. **Discussion** None
- f. **Roll Call Vote**
 - i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier
 - ii. Nay - none
- g. **Motion passed**

11. Discussion/Action – Chromebook Disposal

- a. See attached for serial numbers for disposal
- b. **Motion** Javiar
- c. **Second** Alan
- d. **Discussion** None
- e. **Vote**
 - i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier

ii. Nay - none

f. **Motion passed**

12. Discussion/Action – Board Training

a. No updates from the director

b. Alan has requested an update from the PED, which

13. New Business – Next Meeting: April 1 4:30 pm

a. Regular meeting on March 25 will not work for administration.

b. Piper recommended April 1 to work around spring break

14. Adjournment

a. **Motion** Mary S

b. **Second** Alan

c. **Discussion** None

d. **Vote**

i. Aye - Alan, Mary C, Mary S, Javier

ii. Nay - none

e. **Motion passed**

f. **Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm**