

SILVER SANDS MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of Silver Sands Montessori Charter School held a public meeting on Thursday, July 15th, 2009 at the office of Christopher Steele, 2831 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89052.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Marlo Tsuchiyama called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.

A. ORGANIZATION

1. Roll Call: A quorum was established with the following members present: Joan Sando, Christopher Steele, Danette Green, Constance Ewing, Miah Daughtery, and Marlo Tsuchiyama. Absent: Judd Balmer.

No members of the public were present.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Danette made a motion to accept the agenda, Miah seconded, Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

B. Reports

1. Enrollment: Danette reported that there are only 2 openings left in 3rd grade and she has waiting lists for all other grades, with a total of approximately 40 students. Emails have been sent to all students who have been accepted and parent meetings/interviews need to be scheduled.

2. Committee Timelines:

Building: Chris reported that the owner paid for the building permits fees and that city permits for remodeling have been picked up by Steve, the contractor. The Health Department Plan Review is scheduled for today and Marlo will do that. Steve has asked us to organize a paint party for this weekend. Marlo, Chris, and Danette had met with our new city councilwoman, Kathleen Bouton to let her know about the school as the building is located in her ward, and they had a nice visit.

Hiring Committee: Job openings have been posted for TAs and FASA. Applications for directors are due Saturday. Interviews will be at the next meeting.

Fund-Raising: A meeting will be scheduled for next week and all parents will be invited. Marlo will make a list of items that need immediate attention including permits and fees such as the civil engineer, health department, license fees, Powerschool expenses, cot for health room, and shelves. Constance shared an idea for fund-raising, selling jump-drives.

Preschool: The application was discussed. Constance is not getting her phone calls returned from the Bureau, so she will make a personal visit to the office to get the initial application as the one we were provided was for "renewable".

Marlo asked for all committees to send her information so she can update the timeline so we don't miss deadlines.

C. and D. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS and Responses (None)

Approved by the board on July 28, 2009

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of budget and other documents for the NDE.

Budget: It is the same as we approved at the last meeting except Marlo was given a different figure for the DSA (per pupil revenue) by the business office of the NDE so she used that figure, which made the bottom line a little larger.

Other documents being sent to the NDE include: resumes and licenses of board members, building information such as the lease agreement, permits, and certificates, the OSHA letter, school calendar, emergency plan, and insurance affidavit.

Yesterday, Tom McCormack had visited our facility and met with Chris, Marlo, Danette, Jason, and Joan. The meeting was very helpful and encouraging as we complete this process.

Note: Miah left the Board Meeting at 9:30 am.

2. Liability Insurance: Danette reported that the broker is working it out and having to piece it out. Joan made a motion to give Marlo the authority to approve the insurance policy on behalf of the board, provided it falls within the guidelines required by the state. Constance seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

3. Charter Updates: After speaking with Tom McCormack yesterday, Joan did not think we needed to make any amendments.

F. New Business (Possible Action Items)

1. Powerschool Proposal: Danette, Marlo, and Kris had a conference call with Powerschool people, and they had discussed up-front payments of approximately 50% of costs of key items and had discussed training in August. Joan made a motion to give Marlo the authority to approve the contract with Powerschool for the Board. Constance seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items: (None)

H. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

I. Agenda planning: Hiring of administrators and FASA, Board Retreat/Training

Next Meeting: July 28th, 5:00 pm, same location

J. Adjournment: 10:02 AM

Signatures verify approval:

_____ Date _____
Marlo Tsuchiyama, President

_____ Date _____
Joan Sando, Secretary