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SILVER SANDS MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FOUNDING COMMITTEE

The Founding Committee of Silver Sands Montessori Charter School held a public meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the office of Christopher Steele, 2831 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89052.

CALL TO ORDER:

Marlo Tsuchiyama, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

A. ORGANIZATION

1. Roll Call: A quorum was established with four committee members present: Constance Ewing, Danette Green (on Skype), Joan Sando (on Skype), and Marlo Tsuchiyama. Absent: Melissa Eckes and Dalia Ruiz. Others in attendance: Judd Balmer, Christopher Steele, and Rebecca Engh.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Constance Ewing made a motion to accept the agenda as presented Danette Green seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

B. REPORTS

Chairperson: Marlo presented a summary of the Subsection 7 conditions of the charter agreement with the Nevada Department of Education. These conditions included obtaining a facility that meets all health and safety requirement, plus additional budget and financial reports that are now required that were not part of the original application. Marlo had met with the state dept. accountant responsible for the charter school reports while we were in Carson City and had worked out the reports needed, so she was confident that we could meet that requirement.

Other:

Enrollment: Marlo and Danette led a discussion about enrollment interest and informational meetings to inform the public of the school.

The other committees are 1) Fund-raising, 2) Marketing, 3) Private School, and 4) Curriculum and Training. A discussion about recruiting and training teachers led to the following suggestions: place an ad in the RJ and other online job sites, advertising for teachers who hold NV licenses and are Montessori certified, and 2) develop an agreement with teachers when they are hired regarding a commitment in exchange for Montessori training. Rebecca will provide a sample from CCSD.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items (None)

D. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)

E. NEW BUSINESS (Possible Action Items)

1. Appointment of Operating Board: Marlo announced that four of the Founding Committee Members would continue to serve on the Operating Board: Constance Ewing, Danette Green, Joan Sando, and Marlo Tsuchiyama. Joan made a motion to appoint the following new members: Judd Balmer, Christopher Steele, and Rebecca Engh. Constance seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion passed. The three licensed teachers are Constance, Joan, and Rebecca. After discussion about staggered terms as described in the by-laws, Judd made a motion to assign Constance, Danette, and Marlo to

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serve a one year term and Judd, Christopher, Joan and Rebecca to serve a two year term. The motion was seconded by Constance. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

2. Designation of Board Officers:

Judd made a motion to appoint Marlo as President. Motion seconded by Christopher. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Rebecca made a motion to appoint Judd as Vice President. Motion seconded by Christopher. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Judd made a motion to appoint Joan as Secretary. Motion seconded by Rebecca. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

3. Designation of authority to sign for the board

After discussion on the needs of the charter school, four motions were acted upon, as follows:

- 1) Judd made a motion to designate three signers for the board. Christopher seconded motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.
- 2) Judd made a motion to designate specific “persons” instead of “positions” to be the signers. Constance seconded. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.
- 3) Christopher made a motion to assign signing privileges to Constance Ewing, Marlo Tsuchiyama, and Danette Green. Judd seconded. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.
- 4) Judd made a motion and Christopher seconded, that we clarify the term “signing privileges”, as “general signatories on the behalf of the Board of Silver Sands Montessori Charter School for all official business of the board.” Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

4. Facilities: Marlo stated that obtaining a facility is our first priority and that Arlene Nehls had sent (via email) several descriptions of potential properties to lease. After a discussion about procedures for obtaining a lease and the relationship between Arlene and the charter school, Joan recommended that the facilities subcommittee of the board meet with Arlene to establish this relationship and bring a proposal to the next meeting. The facility subcommittee members are Judd Balmer, Christopher Steele, and Marlo Tsuchiyama.

F. AGENDA PLANNING

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 4:00pm at the same place.

Adoption of By-laws and retention of a qualified broker for finding a facility are suggested as agenda items.

Announcement: Next informational meeting scheduled for February 22nd, 2:00-3:00 pm, location TBD. Also, “open enrollment” is scheduled to start on that date.

G. Adjournment: 7:25 pm.