

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 Tuesday, September 1st, 2009 at the school.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Marlo Tsuchiyama called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

A. ORGANIZATION

1. Roll Call: A quorum was established with four members present: Miah Daughtery, Joan Sando, Marlo Tsuchiyama, and Judd Balmer. Absent: Carol Andrew, Christopher Steele.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Miah made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3rd and August 11th meetings for filing. Judd seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

B. Reports

1. Director: Carol reported that the school is going well in the second week. She is considering contracting for special services, with speech therapy as a priority based on needs of current students. Also, there is a possibility of contracting with a Special Ed teacher from CCSD to work after hours on IEP folders and parent meetings. Carol also reported that she had talked with the staff about the Pledge of Allegiance and she is looking into getting flags donated. She said the "before and after" program will start next week. She is figuring out how many students we would need to break even and will not do the program if it is not feasible. Carol answered questions about Special Education needs and said she is considering a contract with CARE.

2. Enrollment: Carol said we need 47 students. Currently we have 99 students who are not kindergarten and 34 kinders, of which 28 are full time. She has placed an ad in Valu-Pak and flyers will be placed in pediatric offices. There isn't much flexibility in the budget with rent, insurance, and other fixed costs. Staffing is the only area that can be adjusted. Bottom line is we need more kids. Discussion on advertising included the ideas of Facebook ads, twitter, flyers, newspaper ads email lists, phone calls, asking parents for help on increasing enrollment, and serious fund-raising. Carol will compose an email to send to parents and board members asking for help on increasing enrollment.

3. Finance: no report today

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of new hires: Carol and Marlo reported that we are offering before and after school hours to Ms. Vanessa, after school hours to Mr. Paul, and after school hours to Ms. Val, as needed.

2. Policies and Procedures: none to be considered at this time

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3. New Board Member: Marlo is recommending we appoint Sharon Grosbeck and will send her resume to board members.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Enrollment Drive (already completed and no decision necessary)

G. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: (none)

H. Response to Public Comments

I. Agenda planning:

New hires

Board member

Policies and Procedures

Next Meeting: September 15, 5pm at the school

I. Adjournment: 5:58 pm

Signatures verify approval:

_____ Date _____

Marlo Tsuchiyama, President

_____ Date _____

Joan Sando, Secretary