

## **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 15, 2009 at 1841 Whitney Mesa Dr., Henderson, NV 89014.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Marlo Tsuchiyama called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

### **A. ORGANIZATION**

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

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Miah made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Joan. Discussion followed with questions by Carol Andrew on specificity of items on the agenda and explanations by Dr. Carol White. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 1st: Miah requested that we table the approval of minutes until after item 8 on the agenda so members could have more time to read them. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

### **B. Reports**

**1. Director:** Dr. Carol White reported that changes in the calendar for half days have been submitted to the State Board for approval. Fire drills are scheduled. An idea being discussed is a Holiday Open House for the public with silent auction and recruiting for next year. She also reported that the Special Ed issues had been resolved. Board member, Miah, asked Dr. Carol for options for budget changes with less enrollment and possible reduction in staff.

### **2. Enrollment:**

Danette reported we have 128 students, with 29 in Kdg.

**3. Finance:** Marlo reported that they have been working on the chart of accounts for two weeks, have closed the Community Bank Account and moved all funds to BNLV (Bank of North Las Vegas).

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

### **E. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Policies and Procedures Review: None**

**2. New Board Member:** Marlo introduced Sharon Groesbeck for an interview by the board. After the interview and discussion, Miah made a motion to appoint Sharon to the board. Joan seconded. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

**3. Enrollment Drive:** Dr. Carol reported that the Anderson family had created a flyer and press release which was sent to parents and media, plus contacts have been made to View writers. Much discussion, but no decisions.

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Contracts and Memberships:**

Bids have been received for janitorial services. After discussion, a motion was made by Miah to accept the bid from Big Island Boy Cleaning, which was the best bid at

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\$650/month and prorated for holidays, plus they have license and insurance. Sharon seconded the motion. Vote: all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

**Memberships:** The administration and Board President recommend AMS membership for the school, as we eventually want to be AMS certified and the organization provides many Montessori resources for the families and staff, including training, conferences, and other resources. Membership and benefits of CSAN (Charter School Association of Nevada) were also presented. No decisions were made on these memberships.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items:**

There was a parent request for a special field trip for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as a milestone celebration trip, funded by parent fund-raisers. They have an option to go to SeaWorld Adventure Camp on May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$330/person. The travel arrangements would be the parent's responsibility.

**I. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Questions and discussion centered on the liability of the school, plus absence of two days for each student. Miah made a motion that the parents plan this field trip completely independently of the board. Carol Andrew seconded the motion. Vote: two ayes, Sharon asked for more research on the liability before voting on it and Joan agreed. Motion failed for lack of a quorum.

**J. Agenda planning:** Miah made a motion to accept the minutes from August 20<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for filing. Joan seconded. Vote: Carol asked to abstain, as did Sharon, since they were not present. Vote: two ayes, 2 abstain, motion failed for lack of quorum of board. Discussion ensued regarding number of members for a quorum, an issue that will be researched and resolved prior to next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 5pm at the school.**

**K. Adjournment: 6:26 pm**

Signatures verify approval:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Marlo Tsuchiyama, President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Joan Sando, Secretary