

Montessori Regional Charter School  
November 9, 2005(Amended)

**Board Members Present:**

Mary Burrows	Beth Iadeluca	Rob Petro
Tracy Wilczynski	Annette Marshall	Laura Mott
Roanna Chen	Marty Maly	

Board Members not in attendance: Susan Bert, Gerry Barron, L. Rogan, M. Wehrer

Also in attendance: Lydia Cerroni, Heidi Sheehan, Tom Pendleton Esq., Jill Duncan, Margo Wolfe and Jane Binder

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Laura Mott, President, leading the Pledge of Allegiance

**A. Public Comment:** None

**B. PTO Report** -Margo Wolfe - See report

Discussion regarding Montessori Community PTO constituency and how to best serve parents and students.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October 12th, 2005 meeting were read and accepted with following change – M. Maly did **not** attend meeting.

Motion to accept October Board Minutes as amended:

Moved by: M. Maly

Seconded by: M. A. Marshall

Yes: 8

No: 0

Discussion regarding S. Bert attendance at meetings and suggestion to contact her as to her continued participation on the Board. L. Mott to contact.

## **CEO Report –**

- A.** Current Enrollment increased (see report)
- B.** CMTE Report – Spoke with Robyn at CMTE – Everyone at CMTE agrees that the MRCS visit was lacking in tact and not handled well.
- C.** Inventory of MCHC materials – Inventory will be done over Christmas Holiday. Discussion as to creating a policy regarding materials, specifically homemade.
- D.** Crisis Plan – Melanie Pearl has a submitted a proposal to develop a Crisis Plan for MRCS. Discussion about several elements that should be included in the plan including Time frames for completion, staff training and implementation and a schedule of preparedness drills.

Motion to Approve development of Draft Crisis Plan by Melanie Pearl

Moved by: M. Burrows    Seconded by: Sr. Annette Marshall

Yes: 8                      No: 0

## **Financials**

- A.** Erie School District will pay MRCS directly which will help monthly cash flow
- B.** All Accounts now current due to positive cash flow
- C.** Propose paying back \$50,000.00 line of credit to NW Savings
- D.** Filed annual financial report
- E.** PennData report
- F.** Status of implementation report –  
We may shift 10% without resubmitting budget
- G.** Need to add 3<sup>rd</sup> signatory on checking account

Motion to approve Third Signatory on checking Account

Moved by: M. Burrows    Seconded by: Beth Iadeluca

Yes: 8                      No: 0

## Motion to approve Application for Reimbursement for Charter School Lease

Moved by: M. Maly    Seconded by: Beth Iadeluca

Yes: 8                      No: 0

### **Committee Reports: Executive Committee**

#### **A. Building Update**

- YMCA appears to be off the market and is slated for demolition
- Per Tom Pendleton, MRCS building must be located in chartering district
- Millcreek is more restrictive about zoning than Erie

#### **B. Lease Renegotiation**

Submission to MCHE several months ago – they finally provided financials which indicate that they had a ~\$50,000 Profit last year. They are projecting a ~\$27,000 loss for fiscal 2005-2006.

Beth Iadeluca read letter that she sent to MCHE extending an “olive branch” to open communications. M. Bell responded with a brief letter but there has been no further communication.

Their attorney sent a letter outlining issues of financial need of both parties. Discussion as to MRCS’ responsibility as a public school. It is a conflict of interest for us to subsidize a private school.

Discussion regarding how to best respond to letter. Decision to have Tom Pendleton respond stressing our fiduciary responsibility as a public entity.

Rob Petro stated that we should begin document breach of lease issues such as Standing water in parking lots, electrical problems and heating problems.

Laura Mott will contact realtor and investigate leasing building.

Regarding the Proposal to purchase the building, per L. Mott and T. Pendleton recommendation to ignore proposal.

Motion to approve bills paid as detailed in Financial report

Moved by: Annette Marshall    Seconded by: Tracy Wilczynski

Yes: 8      No: 0

## **New Business**

### **A. Pizza Fridays**

Effective December 2<sup>nd</sup> MRCS will offer Pizza Fridays at the cost of \$42.00 per year (for one pizza per week). MRCS will offer free and reduced lunch program per government calculations and will underwrite cost.

### **B. Board Training**

December 3-4 in Pittsburgh, Marriott Hotel  
Two full day of Board Training  
Laura Mott and Mary Burrows to attend  
All expenses paid for board members who attend

## **Old Business**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm

Note: next meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm