

Montessori Regional Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 14, 2007

Board Members Present:

Laura Mott	Stephanie Taylor	Leesl Warren
Charlie Witchcoff	Mary Burrows	Gerry Barron
Marty Maly	Tracy Wilczynski	Richard O'Dell
	Alison Scarpitti	

Board members not in attendance: Rob Petro, Mary Connerty

Also in attendance: Anthony Pirrello, Tom Pendleton, Heidi Sheehan, Jane Binder, Jill Duncan

Call to Order: Laura Mott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

PTO Committee:

This committee report was provided by Jane Binder.

- 100 guests attended Cool Nights Hot Jazz event including many public officials. Although this was not a fundraiser the PTO did make a little money
- The Art Show made approximately \$1400.00, donations are still coming in
- Kim Lamary applied for and received an Enrichment Grant of \$400.00
- PTO Video Library will be implemented using Scholastic Book Fair credits
- The Yearbook committee is meeting twice monthly. Yearbooks will be sold for \$10.00 each. A Launch Party is scheduled for June 2, 2007
- The Waldemeer 2007 Trip is slated for June 2 with a picnic lunch at MRCS
- Upcoming Events/Fundraisers include:
 - Book Night
 - Claytopia
 - Flower Sale
 - School Musical

Policy Committee:

This report was provided by Anthony Pirrello.

- Policy change/modification was requested by the school nurse regarding physical and dental examination requirements

Motion to accept the policy modification to read as follows, "MRCS will accept physical and dental exams completed within one year prior to a student's entry into

the grade where the exam is required.”

Moved by: Marty Maly

Yes: 10

Seconded by: Laura Mott

No: 0

Finance Committee; Treasurer’s Report:

The report was presented by Heidi Sheehan in Beth Iadeluca’s absence

- Our cash flow is currently in good shape
- The line of credit has paid back in full
- All outstanding bills have been paid/current with accounts receivable
- The check detail was reviewed without question
- Bills to be paid were presented, reviewed without question and signed
- Expenses net vs. budget will catch up over the summer

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

This report presented by Charlie Witchcoff and Anthony Pirrello.

- The committee met once this past month
- The committee as well as several invited guests toured the Rentway building site
- Discussed concerns with the Rentway building; gymnasium, outdoor play space, architectural changes and financing/costs.
- MCHE will be opening an additional site; Lakeview Montessori Campus

Administrators /CEO Report;

Presented by Anthony Pirrello (Principal/CEO)

- Current enrollment total; 160: there are still three (3) openings in kindergarten
- MRCS provided MCHE a master student list for their summer program brochure mass mailing
- Summarized/Highlighted the AMS Conference
- Question about AMS being a resource for teacher candidates
- Discussed implementation of the new “Call em-all” phone system that will allow the school to make and/or leave a message or announcement to a total of 200 numbers, the system has been installed for an annual cost of approximately \$55.00
- The Friday Flyer goes out via email to about 100 families, approximately 12-15 families receive a hard copy
- 12 students have been identified as eligible for ESY
- Reviewed website data/hits
 - A. Discussion regarding website updates
 - B. Suggestions include updating individual pages, adding current pictures, and adding enrollment information

Human Resources;

- Committee report presented by Anthony Pirrello (Principal/CEO)
 - Discussion regarding recent compliance monitoring for special ed. Tom reviewed the process regarding plans of correction and timelines. General findings of non-compliance are not reasons for not renewing the Charter.
 - Reviewed the job description for the building manager position, distributed copies
- Motion to approve the job description as recommended by the HR committee with**

the attached improvements.

Moved by: Stephanie Taylor

Yes: 10

Seconded by: Richard O'Dell

No: 0

- MRCS has dissolved its relationship with Sarah Reed's pre-doctoral program thus terminating the psychologist intern
- Introduction of proposed hire/candidate to fill the school psychologist vacancy
- HR is recommending Dr. Lisa Schening, her resume was distributed. She would work up to 15 hrs. weekly and receive the same rate of pay as the previous program paid (\$33.00 hr.) She would attend building level support team meetings as well complete all testing, assessments and evaluations (ER) necessary for special ed. services
- Recommendation that all ER's would be reviewed by qualified Board of Trustee members, either Gerry Barron or Richard O'Dell
- Discussion regarding Dr. Schening's lack of school psychology experience and use of outdated testing instruments

Motion to approve service provider Dr. Lisa Schening as the school psychologist at a pay rate of \$33.00 an hour for up to 15 hours weekly.

Moved by: Laura Mott

Yes: 10

Seconded by: Stephanie Taylor

No: 0

Enrollment Committee;

This report was presented by Anthony Pirrello

- 14 students will not be returning to MRCS for the 2007-2008 school year, 9 of those students are moving
- 18 students have enrolled and registered for the next school year, a lottery was not necessary, there are no waiting lists at this time
- Play dates and introduction to MRCS events will be planned for new students

New Business;

- Anthony will begin his Montessori Administrative training over the summer months
- Several teachers sent Thank You notes to the Board for their attendance at the conference, next years event is in Washington D.C.

Old Business: None

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: Tracy Wilczynski

Yes: 10

Seconded by: Charlie Wtichcoff

No: 0