

Montessori Regional Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 16, 2007

Board Members Present:

Mary Burrows	Beth Iadeluca
Charlie Witchcoff	Margo Wolfe
Ali Samuels	Mary Slusarz
Leesl Warren	Ken Gamble

Board Members not in attendance: Joe Kaiser, Sue Carnes, Chris Marsh, Mary Connerty

Also in attendance: Anthony Pirrello, CEO/Administrator, Jane Binder, Administrative Assistant, Heidi Sheehan, Business Manager, Jill Duncan, Teacher Liaison to the Board of Trustees and Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor

Public in Attendance: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Leesl Warren, President, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leesl Warren, President, called for Board to go into immediate Executive Session to discuss a grievance that had been filed. Executive session began at 6:11 pm

Open session resumed at 7:40 pm

Motion to Authorize Anthony Pirrello, CEO/Principal, to investigate outside counsel to advise MRCS on special education issues and request that he obtain an engagement letter from prospective council that outlines and estimates a range of fees for providing general council and risk assessment.

Moved by: Leesl Warren

Seconded by Ken Gamble

Motion passed by show of hands 8 – 0

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Approval of Minutes: Minutes for October 2007 Board of Trustees meeting were read and accepted

Suggestion was made by Mary Burrows that all future Board minutes reflect the name of the clerical person recording the minutes. Suggestion was also made that the Board Secretary review minutes in advance and that the minutes reflect that they are submitted by the Board Secretary.

Moved by: Ali Samuels
Motion passed by show of hands 8– 0

Seconded By: Mary Burrows

PTO Report: NONE

CEO Report – See copy of report

Motion to Accept Kathy Gorka as Special Education Teacher

Moved by: Margo Wolfe

Seconded by: Ken Gamble

Motion passed by show of hands 8 – 0

Motion to ratify the new copier contract

Moved by: Ken Gamble

Seconded by: Charlie Witchcoff

Motion passed by show of hands 8 – 0

Motion to ratify cleaning contract

Moved by: Ali Samuels

Seconded by: Mary Burrows

Motion passed by show of hands 8 – 0

Motion to approve Coaching stipend for J. Duncan, T. Purchase, T. Trigilio

Moved by: Ken Gamble

Seconded by: Mary Burrows

Motion passed by show of hands 8 – 0

Committee Reports:

Finance – Ali Samuels

1. Reviewed Reports – See attached
2. Title One approval – First payment November 1st
3. PIMS report – submitted on time
4. Revenue should be caught up by December
5. Beth Iadeluca, Leesl Warren and Ken Gamble need to sign updated signature cards

Ad Hoc Committee – Leesl Warren

The committee is sending a redline copy of proposed changes to the By-Laws to all Board members. The committee asks that Board members review the changes and be prepared to review and discuss the changes at the next Board meeting.

The committee is working on the policy manual and intends to have the proposed changes to the manual in red line format and available to the Board members for review next month.

Old Business:

1. Chris Marsh made a request to Leesl Warren that training be held for those Board members who were unable to attend the Brian Carpenter training in August.

Anthony Pirrello, CEO will see that all members who did not attend receive a copy of the written materials.

Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor, suggested that he could spend 20 minutes at each Board meeting for Board training. Leesl Warren will put Tom on the agenda for next month.

2. CEO/Principal annual review – Ken Gamble, Leesl Warren and Sue Carnes are meeting with former Board officers, Laura Mott and Martin Maly, to discuss the pending performance appraisal. In addition, they are reviewing the process used and will make recommendations on revisions if necessary.

New Business:

1. Anthony Pirrello suggested the formation of a strategic planning committee to look at 5 year goals and objectives of the school. He requested that the planning committee set the parameters for the strategic plan's objectives and goals. Board members interested in setting the strategic parameters should email or call Anthony Pirrello.

Tom Pendleton gave brief overview of MRCS enrollment caps and legislation regarding caps making its way through the state legislature. The MRCS Charter does not specify a cap on overall enrollment.

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: Margo Wolfe Seconded by: Ali Samuels

Adjourned at 8:44 pm

Recorded by: Jane Binder 11/16/07

Submitted by: Susan Carnes – Board Secretary 12/12/07