

Montessori Regional Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 13, 2008

Board Members Present:

Mary Burrows	Ali Samuels	Charlie Witchcoff
Mary Slusarz	Leesl Warren-18:14 pm	Ken Gamble
Margo Wolfe	Chris Marsh	Joe Kaiser-left at 8:00 pm
Susan Carnes		

Board Members not in attendance: All present

Also in attendance: Anthony Pirrello, CAO/Administrator, Jill Duncan, Teacher Liaison to the Board of Trustees, Tom Pendleton, Board Solicitor, Cheryl Schodt, Curriculum and Jane Binder, Administrative Assistant.

Public in Attendance: Janie Callahan, Melissa Lindenberger, Tina Pabon, Christine Cedzo, Laurie Rogan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Ken Gamble, Vice-President, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve July 15, 2008 minutes as revised:

Moved by: Margo Wolfe

Seconded by: Mary Slusarz

Motion passed by a show of hands 8-0

Cheryl Schodt, Curriculum Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Montessori Educational Philosophy and how it is implemented in MRCS.

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters – 6:25

Public Session Resumed at 8:12 pm

CAO report – Anthony Pirrello – see report (attached)

1. Enrollment – Budgeted for 202 students – Current 212 – Expect that number will drop at the start of school
2. Main Office Project update – expected completion by Friday August 15th
3. Board Development – Please email Leesl by 11/1 to sign up for AMS conference
4. Discussion of Clearance required by Law for all volunteers who work in the school. We currently require all three clearance forms:
 - a) Criminal History
 - b) Federal Civil Applicant (fingerprints)
 - c) Child AbuseTom Pendleton advises that we continue to require all three forms for volunteers who work in any way in the school to ensure the highest level of school security.
4. Discussion of School Psychologist requirements- Currently L. Schening, our school psychologist, has applied for a one year Emergency Certification as a school psychologist. She is considering completing the 9 credits at Edinboro. If she does not comply by next year we will be seeking a School Psychologist for the 2009-10 school year.

Committee reports

Finance Committee – Chris Marsh

Review of statements show no unusual items in profit and loss

Need to do an analysis of after school programs.

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Public Comment – Melissa Lindenberger

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tom Pendleton – Board Solicitor

Discussion of Charter School Board Principles and proper behavior of Board members and Board the relationship between the Board and the CAO. He discussed Chapter 15 of the Charter School Board University Manual, including the Three Critical Things the Board Must Do, The Three Critical Things the Board Must Avoid and the 12 characteristics of an Effective CAO (Copies attached)

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: Susan Carnes

Seconded by: Charlie Witchcoff

Motion passed by show of hands 9-0

Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Recorded by: Jane Binder 8/13/08

Submitted by: Susan Carnes – Board Secretary