



RISING SUN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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The mission of Rising Sun Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori school that embraces the diversity of our students, parents, and teachers. Our school community will nurture the individual needs of each child in a learning environment that encourages students to be self-directed, avid learners who are prepared for a diverse world.

RISING SUN MONTESSORI SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 20, 2016
Time: Open Session 5:00 pm.
Location: Library, Rising Sun Montessori School
7006 Rossmore Lane El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

OPEN SESSION 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting shall be brought to order by the Chairwoman of the Board at 5:15 pm

II. Roll Call

The Chairwoman took roll of members present:

Margarita Rivera, Board Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Molly Mix, Secretary/Treasurer	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Stoops, Member	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ken Wenham, Member	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Lincoln Snyder, Member	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

III. Approval of Agenda

As there was no quorum for this meeting, there was no vote to approve agenda.

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

Jodie Sites, Parent Committee President came to report on the Parent Committee activities. It was noted that the Parent Committee Report will be a regular standing agenda item beginning in October.

Jodie indicated the committee had its first meeting of the year on September 2, 2016. They discussed upcoming events:

- a. Parent Coffee-will coordinate getting it together for this upcoming Friday
- b. Harvest Festival-there are 4 chairs for the event. They have many activities planned with approval from Head of School. There will be fundraising games, along with raffle items. They will begin pre-selling tickets. The event is on October 21st 5:30-7:30pm.
- c. They will also be focusing on speaking to parents about the importance of showing up to support the charter petition renewal.

Jodie has been collecting the volunteer sheets that went out at the Back to School Night to gauge parent interest in various events and areas where they can participate throughout the year.

V. Teacher Report to Board: Jeff Ritchie

Andromeda classroom lead teacher, Mr. Jeff, presented how his class is going thus far in the year. He has a challenge with 10-11 brand new students in his classroom, with many of them incoming first graders. However, his second and third year students have stepped up and shown their maturity in helping out with the new students. They have been a great support to the classroom dynamics. He is happy to report that his new teacher assistant is very enthusiastic

about bringing in materials and lessons to present to the students. She has really embraced the Montessori method and is creating many Practical Life jobs for the new students to transition into the classroom.

Board member, Ken Wenham asked Mr. Jeff if he could have anything he wanted for his classroom, is there anything he felt he needed?

Mr. Jeff reported that he's happy with the way things are going, having Ms. Robin, as Curriculum Coordinator, come into the classroom to offer support has been a great help, and he felt that he had everything he needed for his classroom.

VI. Head of School Report

1. SBAC Results: Karl reported that 46% of RSMS students met/exceeded grade level in Math and 60% met/exceeded in English Language. This represents a 46% increase in English Language over last year and a 71% increase in Math from last year. Comparatively, we're at the district level for English Language, but below the district level in Math, however, there are 18 districts in El Dorado County, and we outperformed 11 of those 18 districts, and statewide we outperformed the average scores for both Math and English Language.
2. ADA: We are aiming for 95%, to date we are currently at 96.7%. ADA varies in the grade levels, with 4th grade tracking at 99.9% ADA.
3. Audit: We are starting the process with our auditors. We will have a final audit to the board for approval at the October or at latest, November, board meeting. Final board approved audit due to the district by December 15th.

VII. Discussion/Action Items

1. Mr. Dan presented information on his upcoming overnight field trip to Sutter Fort on December 13-14. They will need about 15-20 parents to volunteer/chaperone for the trip and help with activities. The students will learn how life was like during colonial times as part of their CA history curriculum standard. Mr. Dan will type up the details of the trip to include in the next board agenda packet for the board to vote to approve.
2. Karl informed the board that the petition edits were completed, copies made, and the charter renewal petition will be delivered to the district at their regular board meeting tomorrow evening.
3. Foster Youth Policy and Uniform Complaint Policy will be moved to the October board meeting for discussion and action.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of August 23, 2016
2. Amended Conflict of Interest Code
3. Amended Bylaws

These items will be moved to the October meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Motion by Molly; Seconded by Brenda; Vote 4-0 to approve adjournment

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Rios

Recording Clerk

11/14/16
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on

[Signature]
Board Secretary

11/15/16
Date