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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: March 21, 2017
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 5:02 pm

II. Roll Call

The Chairwoman took roll of members present:

Margarita Rivera, Board Chair	Present <u>X</u> Absent <u> </u>
Ken Wenham, Vice Chair	Present <u> </u> Absent <u>X</u>
James Stoops, Treasurer	Present <u>X</u> Absent <u> </u>
Molly Mix, Secretary	Present <u>X</u> Absent <u> </u>
Lincoln Snyder, Member	Present <u> </u> Absent <u>X</u>

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Molly; Seconded by James, Approved 3-0

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

Parent Committee President, Jodie Sites was not available for the meeting. Recording Clerk, Brenda Cauchon read Jodie's prepared report. Highlights were as follows:

1. Karl told committee that the conditions for re-petition have been met and he was putting together a material revision for the TK/K for 2017/18. The Public Hearing and BUSD vote will take place on April 5th.
2. T-shirt orders were placed and should arrive soon.
3. Students enjoyed the Steve's pizza hot lunch Friday. We will continue to raise money for Teacher/Staff Appreciation.
4. Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night Wed March 22. We will sell raffle tickets from 5-7pm.
5. 8th grade graduation plans have begun. Graduation will take place the last day of school at 11:00 am with a potluck at noon.
6. Next meeting April 21st at 8:30 am in the library.

VI. Teacher Report-Ms. Susan Parker, Phoenix Classroom

Ms. Susan is currently working on tying lessons to the coming SBAC testing so that it's more relatable for her students. The challenge is getting them to understand how to interpret the test in relation to what they are learning in class.

They have been using Albanesi to self-pace; they take the post test to see where they are at, but rather than just going through the materials and Albanesi lessons, she would like to see her students learn how to self-reflect at the end of a particular thematic group of lessons. She's exploring the idea of asking them to reflect on how they would teach what they just learned to another student; how would they gather the materials for that unit, set it up, etc. Instead of merely advancing from level to level she'd like the students to be motivated to do something with the knowledge they are gaining.

Karl thanked Susan for her comments, expanding on the idea that having the students self-reflect at the end of units, rather than continuing to just advance into higher levels of materials will be more important in their learning process. He gave the example of a 7th grade student doing 9th grade work, or a 4th grade student doing 7th grade work: at that point we should then have that student stop at the end of a unit, and ask them to then do something with what they have learned, such as present a project to the class.

VII. Head of School Report

1. Physical Fitness testing has started. We are fortunate to have Ms. Haley, who has her education in physical fitness, working with our students. Our students could benefit from more physical exercise and Haley is working on ideas to develop programs for the students. The reporting period will end in May.
2. Karl attended the BUSD board meeting last week and also met with Jackie McHaney a couple times prior. We have submitted a material revision, which is the original petition with revised financials and narrative to reflect the addition of a TK/K program. RSMS also submitted a fiscal recovery plan, bank statements and the signatures of those interested in the TK/K program. Currently we have 31 names for 20 spots. At the April 5th BUSD meeting there will be a Public Hearing and vote for the acceptance of the TK/K material revision.

VIII. Discussion/Action Item

1. 2017/18 Employee Handbook
The board received a copy of the handbook to review. There were only a few changes made from last year's handbook. Those changes were noted to the board.
Motion to approve by James; Seconded by Molly; Approved 3-0

IX. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of February 17, 2017
Motion by James; Seconded by Molly; Approved 3-0

X. Adjournment to Closed Session

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Molly; Seconded by James; Approved 3-0 to adjourn at 5:41pm.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cauchon

Recording Clerk

April 18, 2017

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on

Molly Nix
Board Secretary

04/18/17

Date