



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: April 18, 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 5:05 pm

II. Roll Call

The Chairwoman took roll of members present:

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

Motion to approve agenda by Molly; Seconded by James, Approved 4-0

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

Parent Committee President, Jodie Sites reported on the following items:

1. The slate of officers for next year's Parent Committee is still to be filled.
2. The balance of the Parent Committee raised funds account is \$3,324.21. They are organizing the Teacher Appreciation Celebration week with a breakfast on Monday, lunch on Wednesday, and another lunch from Chick-Fil-A on Friday.
3. The 8th Grade Graduation is in the planning stages. The ceremony will take place on the last day of school, June 2nd, at 11:00 am followed by a pot-luck celebration picnic.
4. Volunteers have been working on the upcoming Science Fair and are beginning to line up donations for next year's fall Harvest Festival.

VI. Teacher Report-Mr. Dan Olenchuk, Pavo Classroom

Mr. Dan reported on their classroom trip to Sutter's Fort. It was an experience that will not be forgotten. Some of the children are still working to complete projects that they began on the fieldtrip. Other highlights Mr. Dan presented:

1. He spoke positively about the feedback he received from Montessori consultant, Jonathan Wolff, who has been working with the staff at Rising Sun.
2. He mentioned how exciting the attendance at the Annual American Montessori Society Conference was for him.
3. The Pavo students are becoming more accountable for their work plan, and becoming more independent.
4. The whole school participated in the Read-a-Thon.
5. The students are working on projects for the upcoming Science Fair. He said there are exciting science activities happening in all of the classrooms.
6. Students are preparing for the State testing coming up.

VII. Head of School Report

1. Karl has been working with Lakehills on the new leases agreement for the next 5 years. They are still working on some details with the per student fee use of common areas.
2. At current enrollment projections, we will only need to add 1 small modular, rather than a double modular.
3. TK/K enrollment is doing well, with new applications continuing to come in.

VIII. Budget Report: Adrienne Barnes, CSMC

1. Adrienne addressed two issues: Enrollment projections and County SELPA. She indicated that if our enrollment projections remain steady we will be okay, however we may still show a negative balance unless the enrollment reaches 158. The school will need to operate on a budget of 100 students in the beginning of the school year (three to six months).
2. The ability to provide services for special education students could be challenging if the school becomes its own LEA for special education.
3. There is still uncertainty about deferral of state funds until we hear back on the Governor's May budget revise.

IX. Discussion/Action Item

1. Nomination of board member candidate: Joshua Divelbiss
The board heard from the candidate, who had also attended the April 18 board meeting.
Motion to approve by Molly; Seconded by Ken; Approved 4-0
2. 2017-18 Board of Directors Annual Meeting Calendar
The board reviewed the dates on two proposed calendars and decided to adopt Calendar "A".
Motion to approve by James; Seconded by Ken; Approved 4-0

X. Consent Agenda

1. Special Meeting minutes of February 7, 2017
 2. Regular Meeting minutes of March 21, 2017
- Motion by Molly; Seconded by James; Approved 4-0

XI. Adjournment to Closed Session

XII. Discussion/Action Item

1. Administrative Assignments for 2017/18

XIII. Motion to Reconvene to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Molly; Seconded by James; Approved 4-0 to come out of closed session at 6:15 pm.

XIV. Closed Session Announcements

The Personnel Committee will set up meetings with the Curriculum Coordinator and Business Manager and report back to the board.

XV. Adjournment

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Molly; Seconded by Josh; Approved 4-0 to adjourn at 6:17 pm.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cauchon

Recording Clerk

5-16-2017

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on

Margaret D. Berger

Board Secretary

5-16-17

Date