



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: May 16, 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 5:06 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>X</u> Absent <u> </u>
James Stoops, Treasurer	Present <u> </u> Absent <u>X</u>
Molly Mix, Secretary	Present <u> </u> Absent <u>X</u>
Lincoln Snyder, Member	Present <u> </u> Absent <u>X</u>
Joshua Divelbiss, Member	Present <u>X</u> Absent <u> </u>

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Josh; Seconded by Ken, Approved 3-0

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

Parent Committee President, Jodie Sites shared the following with the board:

1. Last meeting was held on May 5
2. The Parent Committee for 2017/18 is: Jodie Sites, President; Nicole Davie, Vice President; Christina Nygard, Treasurer.
3. The 8th grade graduation will take place the last day of school. A pot luck is being organized from 11:00am-1:30pm. The parent committee will supply cupcakes in the school colors and Otter Pops. The gym will be decorated with the RSMS logo balloons.
4. Teacher Appreciation Week was well received. The teachers are enjoying their new Keurig machine from the Parent Committee. All staff received vases with flowers students brought in, along with other items that students brought. All staff received \$25 Target gift cards. The middle school teachers received an additional \$20 gift card for Nugget since they were on their field trip during Teacher Appreciation Week.
5. The yearbooks will go out soon. There was a competition for the yearbook cover, which will be announced soon. The classroom of the winner will get a pizza lunch. There are also prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

6. Parent Orientation is on May 31st. Members of the Parent Committee will attend so they can be on hand to introduce themselves and answer any questions for new families.

VI. Teacher Report-Ms. Heather Parker, Taurus Classroom

Ms. Heather said that it has been a very productive year. Most students have made a year's worth of growth. She has also found that this year provided her with a lot of personal growth as well.

They have recently returned from their field trip to Pigeon Point Lighthouse. It was an amazing experience. It was very well organized and the staff kept the students busy. They learned a lot about marine life; students saw Elephant Seals, explored tide pools, did cooking and cleaning at the hostel. The students interacted well with each other, with minimal behaviors. The chaperones also enjoyed themselves.

They are looking forward to their next excursion-8th grade trip to Sunsplash. This will be the start of a new end-of-year tradition for the 8th grade students of Rising Sun.

VII. Head of School Report

1. LCAP Review: Karl gave an overview of the LCAP purpose and connection to LCFF revenue to newest board members. The parent survey went out and our prior year LCAP goal of 35% participation was met. Input from the LCAP survey will be included in this year's LCAP goals.
2. Enrollment: We are currently at 89% of our enrollment goal for this year. We have about 3 months before school starts and he is confident we will meet our goal. Different grade levels enroll at different times of the year; he gave the example of parents of 5 years olds not enrolling until the summer months since it's often their first time enrolling in school.
3. Intel Grant: Students have been participating in the Intel PC Pals program throughout the year. The first year we participated in the program (2015/16) we received \$4,500. This year we budgeted for \$6,500 and we just received the check from Intel in the amount of \$10,000.

VIII. Budget Report

1. Adrienne Barnes gave an overview of the Governor's May revise and how it affects the budget. April revenues were ticking below expected, and it was expected the trend would continue, however, all revenues have increased with the May revise. In addition, the anticipated June deferral is now off the table. Another large increase is the one-time grant amount increasing from \$48/ADA to \$170/ADA, but it's projected that this will not be received by schools until 2019.
2. The board was given a copy of the draft of the 2017/18 budget with the caveat that it's still a draft and some additional details are being added so a final budget can be presented to the board at the June meeting for approval to submit to the authorizer by July 1.

IX. Discussion/Action Item

1. Student Policy #18: Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment
There was some discussion about a cutoff for enrollment into the program in order for a student to be able to have a full year completion of Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten before they could be considered for the next grade level. The board chair called for a motion to approve the policy as it's currently written.
Motion by Ken; Seconded by Josh; Approved 3-0

2. Student Policy #19: Suicide Prevention
Board member, Ken, asked by the policy only specified grades 7-8. Brenda addressed the question stating that AB 2246 requires the policy for schools that serve students in grades 7-12, but that RSMS will only ever serve grades 7-8, so that dictated the grade level in the policy. Board member, Josh, asked if all teachers, not just middle school, would receive the training on the policy. Brenda confirmed that all staff members would be included in the training during the summer training schedule.
Motion by Ken; Seconded by Josh; Approved 3-0

3. Annual Rotation of School Themes

Board chair, Margarita, asked Karl is this was a school wide theme or just for the spring fair? Karl responded that it started out being a fair theme, but because the activities for the fair begin in January, it becomes a large part of the classroom curriculum. It was also decided as a response to the parent LCAP survey to focus on schoolwide themes, with the 2017/18 theme "The Arts" the response to parent suggestions for more visual and performing arts and language.

Motion by Josh; Seconded by Ken; Approved 3-0

X. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of April 18, 2017

Motion by Ken; Seconded by Josh; Approved 3-0

XI. Adjournment to Closed Session

1. New modular proposal
2. LHCC 5-year lease
3. Professional Services/Consultant Contract Proposals

XII. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board Chair called for a motion to reconvene to open session.

Motion by Ken; Seconded by Josh; Vote 3-0 to reconvene at 6:52 pm.

XIII. Closed Session Announcements

All proposed contracts and services were approved.

XIV. Adjournment

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Josh; Seconded by Ken; Approved 3-0 to adjourn at 6:52pm.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

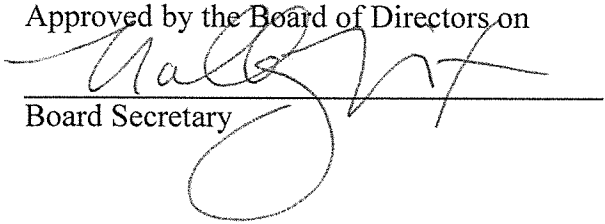
Brenda Cauchon

Recording Clerk

June 20, 2017

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on


Board Secretary

June 20, 2017

Date