



## 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:** October 10, 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 was called to order by the Chairwoman of the Board at 5:04 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 type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joshua Divelbiss, Member	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Cameron Lagala, Member	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

##### III. Approval of Agenda

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

##### IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

##### V. Parent Committee Report

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

1. There were 11 parents at the last committee meeting. Karl was also present to answer any questions that parents had. The main focus was the Harvest Festival. They finalized the Committee Chair assignments. Those who attended the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting decided on the raffle vs. silent auction items. They unfortunately missed out on getting high school volunteers to help with the activities, there are three other festivals going on at the same time, and a football game. However, more parents are signing up each day on Square 1, to help out the day of the event.
2. Upcoming events:
  - a. Red Ribbon Week
  - b. Chick-Fil-A Spirit Week October 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 10/30-11/3 Scholastic Book Fair

## VI. Teacher Report

Mr. Karl reported on the Taurus 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, which he teaches.

In looking at high school readiness, the students are learning how to manage their daily work, as well as their homework. They're being challenged this year. They love geometry; they created 3-dimensional geometric shapes. They are having fun measuring the sides and area of triangles and getting very good at it.

In social studies they are learning about the social and natural world, building off the Montessori Great Lesson. As a culmination of this unit the students are working on a project to present to the class on the Science of Creation in comparison to three other culture's creation stories.

Overall, there is joyful learning going on in the classroom and the student's work well together.

Upcoming fieldtrips:

- a. Crocker Art Museum
- b. Granite Arch
- c. Pigeon Point (overnight) in the spring.

## VII. Head of School Report

1. ADA: Currently at 94.7% due to a round of fall illnesses that have hit the school.

2. Assessments: Reporting for the Curriculum Coordinator

Karl presented the board with a spreadsheet prepared by Robin, Curriculum Coordinator. The spreadsheet showed where each grade level is currently scoring in the areas of math, language, spelling, reading and writing (writing was only assessed from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) at the end of the first 9 weeks of academic instruction.

Of the 116 students enrolled, 11% have IEPs, and 11% are in RTI.

The cumulative results were:

1. Students were performing at grade level at the following levels: 82% in math; 83% in language; 58% in spelling; 53% in reading; 90% in writing.
2. It was noted that 21% of students were above grade level in spelling and reading.

### Discussion/Action Item

1. It was brought to the board that we are in process of completing our third year with our current auditors, and that it's recommended to seek a new auditor after three years. The board indicated they would like to review potential new audit firms, along with the current auditor, to do a cost analysis if it would be more beneficial to stay with the current auditor, or move on to a new auditor next year. Administration will solicit quotes to present at the November board meeting.

## VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of September 12, 2017  
Motion by Ken; Seconded by James; Approved 4-0

## IX. Adjourn to Closed Session

The Chairwoman announced the adjournment to closed session at 5:40 pm

## X. Discussion/Action Items

1. Future facilities and staffing

## XI. Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting was reconvened to open session by the Chairwoman at 6:12 pm

## XII. Closed Session Announcements

The board reported out a committee to review future facilities comprised of the following individuals: Josh, Ken, Karl, Robin

## XIII. Adjournment

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Josh; Seconded by James; Approved 4-0 to adjourn at 6:14 pm.

### Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

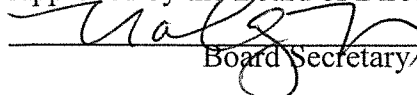
Brenda Cauchon

Recording Clerk

November 14, 2017

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on

  
Board Secretary

11/14/17

Date