



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 12, 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 5:05 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"/>
Joshua Divelbiss, Member	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cameron Lagala, Member	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Molly; Seconded by James, Approved 5-0

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

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

1. The Harvest Festival date was changed due to a conflict with an event the church booked for the same date. It will now be on October 13 from 4-7pm. All of the vendors have been contacted and rescheduled. She presented a flier that she drafted. We will be charging \$5/person with a max per family of \$25. There are several raffle items. There may be some higher end items placed in a separate "silent auction." This year we will also have a live band that is donating their performance time. The Harvest Festival meeting was attended by 10 people, which was a great turn out. The next meeting for the event will be September 29.
2. Fliers for the Harvest Festival will be posted in Town Center businesses and other local area businesses so that we can have community attendance at the event.
3. The next Parent Committee meeting will be on September 15.

VI. Teacher Report

Mr. Dan of the Pegasus 4th-6th grade classroom reported that everything is going well the first month into the school year.

1. They have finished all of their assessment. There are some students that he feels could benefit from an RTI plan. He stated that it's been nice having the Curriculum Coordinator back this year to help set up those RTI plans.
2. The students are also working on writing both formal and informal letters. They were more excited about writing the formal letters to businesses.
3. The class is small, but it's coming together nicely. They have a new behavior management plan they are implementing with a binder of written conflict plans.
4. They will have their first field trip coming up to the Kennedy mines.

VII. Head of School Report

1. ADA: As of today, with 22 days of academic instruction, the schoolwide ADA is 96.2%. This is above our ADA goal of 95%. We are still at 100% ADA for first grade; TK-K and Middle School programs are both at 94.3% and the Lower and Upper Elementary classes are at 97.5%. Our total school enrollment is 111.
2. 2016/17 CAASP: Schoolwide scores were 48% in math, which held from prior year; 48% in English Language Arts, which was down from 60% prior year. The district is at about 60% for both content areas. We will be working on turning around our ELA scores. Grades 1-5 as a group performed much higher, but a large number of middle school students did not do as well as the prior year.

VIII. Budget Report-Brenda Cauchon, Business Manager

Board members received a copy of the 2016/17 Unaudited Actuals Alternative Form and Business Manager's Narrative to review prior to the meeting. Brenda reviewed key information in the narrative with respect to what factors went in to the ending negative fund balance, pointing out the legal expense incurred with the repetition process and a higher than anticipated SPED encroachment fee from the authorizing district. Brenda indicated that, although our ending balance is in the negative, it was anticipated to be even higher at second interim. Fundraising efforts and the Intel PC Pals program helped to increase revenue. It was recommended that the Unaudited Actuals be approved as presented. The chairwoman called for a board vote to approve the Unaudited Actuals. The UA Report was approved with a 5-0 vote.

IX. Discussion/Action Item

1. Mr. Dan gave information to the board about an upcoming overnight fieldtrip with both Pegasus and Phoenix 4th -6th upper elementary classrooms. They will do the Eco-Science focus, learning about water, life cycles, the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The trip covers Next Generation Science Standards. They will also participate in the Rope Course to build teamwork and boost self-confidence.
2. A total of 42 students will go to the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School March 19-21st for 3 days and 2 nights. Total cost is \$215/student and \$95 for parent volunteers. The students will stay in cabins with a same-gender volunteer. The cabins have bathrooms and sinks.

The chairwoman called for a board vote on the field trip. The fieldtrip was approved with a 5-0 vote.

X. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of August 22, 2017
Motion by Molly; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 5-0

XI. Adjournment

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by James; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 5-0 to adjourn at 5:39 pm.

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cauchon

Recording Clerk

October 10, 2017

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on

Molly
Board Secretary

11/14/17

Date