



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: January 23, 2018
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 Vice Chairman 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> </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>
Joshua Divelbiss, Member	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>
Cameron Lagala, Member	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

Parent Committee President Jodie Sites reported items from their January 12th meeting:

1. Current budget as of their last meeting is \$3,755.54; \$200 of that amount was raised by the Pegasus/Phoenix class during the Harvest Festival and will go towards their upcoming overnight field trip to Coloma.
2. Chick-Fil-A is offering to donate a \$400 value breakfast if we wanted to host an event. Jodie is trying to coordinate a parent breakfast, possibly tying in the upcoming LCAP meeting. A proposed date of Friday, February 23 was discussed. Mr. Karl will need to secure a substitute before confirming that date.
3. We now have three yearbooks coordinators: NataLee, Kathryn, and Julie. They will begin working on getting the yearbook set up.
4. Current fundraisers going on at the moment include: Read-a-Thon and Square 1 Art fundraiser.
5. Next Parent Committee meeting is scheduled for February 9th.

VI. Teacher Report

Mr. Jeff Ritchie, Lead Teacher of Andromeda classroom reported:

1. He has been inspired this year to “declutter” the classroom, taking items home in order to make more space and better work flow in the class.
2. To inspire his students to take care of their classroom they have created student jobs by labeling areas of the class and the shelves with laminated cards with the student’s name. The students are taking pride in their areas of care. They also have a rotating schedule and have made sure to create jobs for students that are grade-level appropriate.
3. They have three new students that joined the class after the holidays. He gave an account on how one of the students has already overcome their reading anxiety and is now enjoying reading. All of the students have fit right in.
4. Mr. Karl added that Mr. Jeff was gracious enough to take in extra students in the class, even though his class was full; he is great with families, and makes everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

VII. Head of School Report

1. Karl reported to the board members the news that he received a call this morning from El Dorado County Charter SELPA to say that they unanimously approved our application for partnership into their Charter SELPA. Karl thanked everyone involved in the application process for their hard work. Next month we will notify our authorizer that effective July 1, 2018 we will no longer need their services for special education. Other next steps will be to hire staff and transition existing IEPs. Karl specifically pointed out that in becoming our own LEA for SPED services, we can now be more involved with our families and students; teachers will be more informed and involved in the process, and it will now align with our mission and what we do in serving our students. The other positive impact is how our budget will be alleviated by no longer having to pay the district the huge encroachment fee, and we’ll now have access to our SPED funding.

He also added that El Dorado County Charter SELPA is a great organization to work with and they view LEAs as “partners” not “members,” and how important that distinction is in enabling us to meet the needs of those we serve.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of December 12, 2017
Motion by James; Seconded by Molly; Approved 5-0

IX. Adjournment to Closed Session at 5:28 pm

X. Discussion/Action Item

1. Facility Report

XI. Reconvene to Open Session at 6:05 pm

XII. Closed Session Announcements

Karl is waiting to hear back on a meeting with the landlord to discuss future facility options. Margarita will reach out to District leadership to schedule a meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The Vice Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.
Motion by James; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 5-0

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cauchon
Recording Clerk

2/13/18
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on
[Signature]
Board Secretary

03/13/18
Date