

Sierra Montessori Academy, Inc.
Council of Directors Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015
Minutes

- I. Meeting called to Order
Meeting called to order at 4:34pm
- II. Establish Quorum
Jerry Dolley, Margaret Joehnck, Doug Clifford, Lela Ruth, Angela Van Ness are present.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
There were none.
- V. Open Public Forum
None.
- VI. Reports
 - A. Business Manager Report
Cash flow is always an issue. We have 140 students now. Payroll and the bill from county add up to more than we will receive in January. \$5,000 was paid to Dione. Next board meeting we have to approve our second interim report. We now have to show our unfunded STRS liabilities and a loan from the district for our upgrading of energy efficiency. We also will have to look for someone to be a replace Pam and a tech service person.
 - B. Director's Report
We got 11 students since the last meeting. We started out with the junior high rotation last week. 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th will go to individually assigned teachers for a rotation in science, history, and special projects on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Staff is going to look at a different math program for next year. Homework instructions have parent instructions on them. We will pick up a whole new series of different language materials for 2017/18. We will continue to use the English language materials that we have. We have some water damage from the rain. The roof on the administration is bad. We are burning too much propane and Henry is working with Suburban Propane and the company which installed the new heaters. We are continuing to provide services to all students based on their performance issues. We are now supposed to tell parents that they have a right to opt out of standardized tests. We do encourage our special education students not to do the standardized tests since we test them so much already. Teachers right now are running students through STAR tests for reading. Most of the computers in the computer lab are running. Testing windows are set. Next month will be the end of the second trimester. Henry is working on the re-authorization document. We are in financial, educational, and enrollment good shape. There are a lot of field trips set up.
- VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board meeting Dec. 9, 2015
Moved by Ruth, 2nd by Doug, unanimous approval
 - B. Approval of December 2015 warrants
Moved by Doug, 2nd by Angela, unanimous approval

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve 2014-2015 SARC-School Accountability Report Card/Action

We have copies of the draft. The final draft will come from the company that prints it for us.

Moved by Doug, Lela 2nd, unanimous approval

B. 2016-2017 School Attendance Calendar/Discussion

We are considering adding more days to the calendar for more teacher in-service. We probably will still end by the end of May and just start a bit earlier in August. We will probably still have a week for Thanksgiving and not a week in October. We might just make a 4 day holiday of our own in April both this year and next. Teachers have suggested a day before each parent conference week to meet with each other to finalize grades. These changes might push the ending into the first week in June.

C. 2016-2017 Staffing needs/Discussion

Part of the issue is finding people to replace Pam. We might look at taking on someone part-time to work with and then replace Henry. We are looking at moving some of the teachers and aides into different grade assignments. Henry is looking at grade configurations and how the rotation system is working. We probably should send out the questionnaire about whether or not students are returning the next year. Next year we will have one teacher in BTSA. There will possibly be a science, technology, engineering and math fair at the fairgrounds sometime in April.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next Board Meeting: 4:30 pm, February 10, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Joehnck
Secretary



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Margaret Joehnck', followed by the date '2/10/16'.