

**MARIA MONTESSORI CHARTER ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 28, 2011 6:30 PM**

Call to Order, 6:36 PM in the Computer Lab

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Brent Boothby

BOARD PRESENT: Becky Schmich, Brenda Allen, Bruce Houdesheldt, Fallon Vaughan, Heather Martin, Jennifer Tarabochia, Julie Moeller, Mandeep Gill, Robyn Garcia.

BOARD ABSENT: Jason Beltz

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Minutes from the February 28, 2011 Board Meeting. *Bruce motioned to approve minutes and Heather seconded; all in favor, motion passes. Approval of the February 28, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes was not placed on the agenda so that will be done at the next meeting.*

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board shall discuss process by which in-input surveys from staff might be implemented, per previously-adopted policy: The group hasn't had a physical meeting yet but will do so within the next seven days. They intend to close-out this action item within the next two weeks and email the Board prior to the April meeting to discuss and vote on for next meeting.
2. Discuss the possibility of adding teacher representative reporting time to board meetings: This idea is to add a spot on the regular agenda for the teachers to give a report. This differs from Board comments as it represents all the teachers and not necessarily their personal opinion. As a presidential directive it will be added under "Informational Items".
3. Discuss possible resolution to drop CCSA JPA as non-health insurance provider: Brent said this is a moot point – we didn't hear back in time from the other company before the deadline.
4. Discuss draft school wellness policy: Brent said the audit went fine but they asked where our Wellness Plan was. We thought it fell under RUSD's plan, but it doesn't. So, we put together our own (see attached 7-page Wellness Plan). It is derived from the CDE provided model template WP; the RUSD WP; quotes from MMCA's Charter; and MMCA's long-standing "Healthy Lunch, Healthy Foods" policy.
5. Discuss student and parent code of conduct: Bruce didn't have this ready so it is tabled.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Director's update: Brent mentioned that our RUSD grounds keeping time has changed to 1-3 PM during class time. He also emailed a summary of his report to the Board prior to the meeting.
7. Update on "turn over rates": Brent presented a summary of what he calls Level 1, 2, 3 & 4 drops. There have been 22 drops thus far this school year. Eleven were moves; 4 were MMCA-intentional; 2 were school hoppers; and 5 were returning kids who for one reason or another decided to transfer out.
8. Update on class configurations for next year: Brent referenced his published report from the monthly newsletter. Different 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom configuration scenarios were discussed. Fallon and Brent have been in discussion and will present a model by May's meeting. We also discussed alternatives to the downfalls of independent study.
9. Discussion of possible goals for the 2011 Board of Directors: We will defer this discussion to our Board Retreat. Please email Jennifer suggested Saturday dates between May and June that we can meet. Bill summarized his ideas from his January email.
10. Continue discussion on reviewing our Bylaws: The committee has met four times since our last Board meeting. They should be done by the end of April to present to the Board.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Heather: A lot of progress has been made on the garden. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the official garden work day and Fox 40 is coming to film a segment and there will be vendor booths as well. It will start at 10AM.

Julie: Asked about the summer day care survey and how many responses were received. Brent said there have been 12 FT and 35 PT requests. She mentioned she also has a source for spring break day care if anyone wanted to ask her after the meeting.

Fallon: Said he is doing a lot of work with HUD and said people can get homes for 50 cents-on-the-dollar. Non-profits can buy homes for as low as \$1. He said this could help our own MMCA families. He will email us all the info.

Brenda: Said that the Montessori Explorers has been working with the PTA to fund events. Game Night was a great success with about 125+ in attendance. The dance is this Friday. They are looking for entertainment for the camp out in June and want to do something before then to keep the momentum going.

Becky: She handed out the running school shirts. Over 90 shirts were sold at a profit to the school. Maybe we'll add hats or visors next time.

Mandeep: He has some things to discuss but will wait for the retreat.

Brent: Serves on a foster child board (CASA) that has a big "Walk and Rock" event coming up Memorial Day weekend. Last year the entertainment included Sammy Hagar and Heart. KISS is scheduled for this year.

Robyn: Run Rocklin is this Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We got a second place prize of \$200 for registering 68 people. She said she just returned last night from the Montessori conference in Chicago and that it was wonderful. She will share the information with us at a later time.

Bruce: Asked how many surveys we have had returned so far. Brent said about 30.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Continued discussion regarding potential litigation (Brent). No action taken.

Next meeting dates:

April 26, 2011 (Tuesday)

May 23, 2011

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT (9:00 PM)**