

# New Discoveries Montessori Academy

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## Official Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday December 17, 2012

The Official Board Meeting of New Discoveries Montessori Academy of Hutchinson, MN was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on Monday December 17, 2012. The meeting was held at New Discoveries Montessori Academy, Hutchinson, MN.

### Roll Call

Voting Board Members present: Shari Colvin, Cynthia Vold, Jill Bierbaum, Dick Lennes, Louis Goldstein. Absent: Lynn Brown. New board members Dick Lennes and Louis Goldstein were welcomed and considered officially seated.

Ex-officio members present: Dave Conrad, Tara Erickson, Chuck Herdegen, Bob Cannon.

The following guests were welcomed: Derek Niemeyer.

### Spotlight Report

Dr. Lora Dagel shared information on the response from the IR Burich Family Foundation. The foundation approved ezWrite by Mary Beckman with \$1,335.00 being awarded for this program.

### Approval of Agenda

MSC (Cynthia/Louis) all aye.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** Consent agenda approved with e.Technology Committee pulled MSC (Cynthia/Louis). Discussion was held for clarification of the Technology Committee minutes. MSC (Cynthia/Louis) all aye.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- b. Executive Committee
- c. Policy Committee
- d. Facilities Committee
- e. Technology Committee
- f. Finance Committee

### Financial Statements

- a. Motion was made to approve October Financial Statements. Roll call vote indicated all in favor MSC (Jill/Dick)

### Reports

- a. Superintendent –Dave presented a board blast. He discussed the kitchen build out project. NDMA received a generous gift of \$1000 from Dr. Dagel to purchase books for the classrooms and Title 1 libraries. Dick made a motion to accept the generous gift, all aye. Discussion was also had concerning the security of our building. The staff is committed to offering a sense of security and safety for students. NDMA has procedures in place and drills are performed. Estimates are being taken on rekeying the locks on the classroom doors. MSC (Dick/Louis) to have Administration work through the Technology Committee to review and update current policies on security and safety.
- b. Data and Assessment update – NDMA started OLPA, it is a new practice test online to help students prepare for MCA math assessment. NWEA will start after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Progress monitoring continues through AIMS web and the information is being used for instructing.

All supporting documents are available as part of the official record

- c. School Improvement update – Thirteen program updates were submitted as well as an updated budget and docs on JEPD and testing schedules. Updates on the SIP (School Improvement Plan) were also part of the submissions. The Center of Excellence continues to work with us.

### **Old Business**

- a. Final reading MSC (Dick/Cynthia) to approve policy # 214, MSC (Jill/Dick) to approve policy # 414, MSC (Dick/Jill) to approve policy # 415, MSC (Jill/Dick) to approve policy # 616 with correction of scratching the 1<sup>st</sup> academy.
- b. Appointment of committee members as follows: Facilities -**Jill Bierbaum**, Louis Goldstein. Policy -**Shari Colvin**. Finance -Cynthia Vold. Technology -**Lynn Brown**, Dick Lennes.
- c. Second reading policy 413, discussion, MSC (Dick/Cynthia) all aye.

### **New Business**

- a. MSC (Dick/Cynthia) all aye to amend bylaws from 7 to 9 members.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- a. Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 p.m. Family Reading Night.
- b. January 21<sup>st</sup> – next Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- c. February 18<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

A motion was made by Jill and seconded by Louis, with all members present voting aye, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Erickson

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