

New Discoveries Montessori Academy

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Official Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday February 25, 2013

The Official Board Meeting of New Discoveries Montessori Academy of Hutchinson, MN was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday February 25, 2013. The meeting was held at New Discoveries Montessori Academy, Hutchinson, MN.

Roll Call

Voting Board members present: Dick Lennes, Cynthia Vold, Lynn Brown, Shari Colvin, Louis Goldstein.

Absent: Jill Bierbaum.

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

The following guests were welcomed: Lora Dagel and Joan Sax.

Spotlight Report

Emily Matter, Special Education Director for New Discoveries Montessori was unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

MSC (Louis/Dick) all aye to approve agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda MSC (Dick/Lynn) all aye to approve consent agenda.

- a. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- b. Executive Committee – no report
- c. Policy Committee – meeting notes submitted
- d. Facilities Committee – meeting notes submitted
- e. Technology Committee – meeting notes submitted
- f. Finance Committee – no report

Financial Statements

- a. Discussion held. Motion made to approve December Financial Statements. Roll call vote indicated all in favor MSC (Dick/Cynthia).

Reports

- a. Superintendent – Dave presented a board blast.
- b. Data and Assessment update – Dr. Lora Dagel, Continuous Improvement Specialist and Instructional Coach, shared information about preparations for the MDE site visit scheduled for Thursday March 21st. Dave Doty is the representative from MDE for the Federal Audit that is necessary because the SIG is State and Federally funded.
- c. School Improvement update –Joan Sax, Data and Instructional Coach, shared information on data scores and current testing.

Old Business

- a. Second reading, discussion, use term “board of directors”, MSC (Dick/Cynthia) all aye to approve with corrected terminology.

All supporting documents are available as part of the official record

New Business

- a. MSC (Cynthia/Lynn) all aye to accept resignations of E1 teacher Amara Falk and Board member Riana Klaustermeier.
- b. MSC (Dick/Louis) all aye to approve the hiring of Holly Niska, E1 teacher, Susan Anderson, Meredith Lieser, Rebecca Hudson, Rebecca Ewert, and Connie Swayne.
- c. MSC (Cynthia. Lynn) all aye to accept SIG in the amount of \$379,455.00.
- d. MSC Lynn/Louis) all aye to accept the \$1000 from Dr. Lora Dagele.
- e. MSC (Dick/Louis) all aye
- f. To approve the purchase of \$4500 of card game kits and accept donations to cover the expenditure.
- g. MSC (Dick/Cynthia) all aye to approve board committee purpose and responsibilities documents

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- a. Strategic Planning Meeting - Thursday April 18 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- b. Next Board of Directors Meeting – Monday March 18 6:30 p.m.
- c. Annual Meeting – Monday April 29, 2013 6:30 p.m.
- d.

Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Louis, with all members present voting aye, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Erickson

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