

Board of Directors
Official Meeting Minutes
Monday April 21, 2014

The Official Board Meeting of New Discoveries Montessori Academy of Hutchinson, MN was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday April 21, 2014. The meeting was held at New Discoveries Montessori Academy, Hutchinson, MN.

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Voting members present: Betty Jodzio, Shari Colvin, Jill Bierbaum. Absent: Vicki Hoeft, Lori Krych.
Non-voting members: Dave Conrad, Chuck Herdegen, Kirsten Kinzler, Tara Erickson.
Welcome Guests: Susan Kubasch, Cynthia Flynn, Lora Dagele.
2. Spotlight Report
Mrs. Cynthia Flynn, Children’s House Teacher, gave the board an update.
3. Agenda
MS (Jill/Betty) to approve agenda with changes to Joint Facilities meeting time and date, all aye.
4. Consent agenda
MS (Betty/Jill) to approve the consent agenda, all aye.
5. Financials
 - a. Receive March Financial Statements
 - b. MS (Jill/Betty) to approve March expenditures and receipts report, unanimous.
6. Reports
 - a. Board Appointed Administrator – Superintendent, Dave Conrad shared his updates. SIG – year three application due May 16th. No new candidates at this time for the Director of Curriculum & Instruction. There have been couple of candidates interviewed and to be interviewed for the Children’s House position. Instructional PLC’s meet once a month and they are discussing the Strategic Plan. Enrollment update: 156. 2014---2015 projected enrollment is now enrollment is currently 157.
7. Old Business
 - a. MS (Jill/Betty) to approve final reading and approval of revision of School District Budget policy #701.1P
 - b. MS (Jill/Betty) to approve FY 2015 SWOT Statements and Strategic Plan, discussion had, all aye.
 - c. MS Jill/Betty to keep June 4th as our last student contact day on the 2013---2014 calendar, all aye.
 - a. Update from nominating committee for annual Board elections: decision to keep board structure as is. One parent can be seated at this time.
8. New Business
 - a. Audit proposal: MS (Jill/Betty) to go with Schlenner, Wenner & Co., located in St. Cloud, for a three year agreement, discussion had, all aye.
 - b. 2014---2015 calendar: to be tabled until the May Board meeting.
 - c. MS (Betty/Jill) to approve posting of Special Education Director and Special Education Coordinator, discussion had, all aye.
9. Upcoming Meetings/Events/Announcements

- a. Next board meeting, May 19, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
- b. Technology Committee Meeting
- c. Joint Facilities Committee Meeting April 29, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.
- d. Finance Committee Meeting, May 12, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.
- e. Marketing Committee Meeting
- f. Policy/Governance Committee Meeting, May 5, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment MS (Betty/Jill) to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., all aye.

Respectfully submitted,
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Special Board Meeting Unofficial Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2013 – 3:30 p.m. – Room 311

- I. Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.
Present: Jill Bierbaum---Rice, Shari Colvin, Betty Jodzio, Lori Krych
Administration Present: Dave Conrad, Tara Erickson
Not Present: Vicki Hoeft

- II. MS (Jill/Betty) Approve Submission of Year Three School Improvement Grant Application
Lora Dageled led the board through the all of the items in the grant application. She stressed the goals of year three would be to provide sustainability of initiatives and practices implemented through the grant cycle and increase student proficiency as measured by state standardized tests. In the Professional Development area, the goal is to embed the Plan, Do, Study, Act model at NDMA. The state requires 935 academic hours per year at the elementary level – the current NDMA schedule calls for 983.25 academic hours. Dave Conrad presented the proposed budget for year three of the grant. The question arose as to whether NDMA should participate in year three of the grant as it seems to be pulling the educational emphasis and approach away from Montessori. Conrad was directed to send a short survey out to receive input from staff as to their preferences regarding participation in year three of the SIG. NDMA will still be held accountable for the School Improvement Grant even if we choose not to participate in year three of the SIG. Motion carried with two ayes and one nay (board member Jodzio had to leave the meeting prior to the vote).

- III. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.