



New Discoveries

Montessori Academy

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Official Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 18, 2021 – 5:30 p.m. – on site at NDMA and Electronically via Zoom due to pandemic
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1. Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call
2. Welcome/Introduction of Guests
3. Spotlight Report
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of September 20, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Submitted Committee Reports
6. Financial Reports
 - a. September 2021 financial statements
 - b. Approve September 2021 supplemental information report
7. Reports
 - a. Executive & Associate Directors
 - i. Personnel changes – resignations, dismissals, reassignments, and new employments
 - ii. Strategic Plan Update
 - iii. Environmental Education Update
 - iv. Academic Testing and Achievement Update
 - v. Enrollment Update
 - vi. Activities and Happenings related to the school, staff, students, families, community
 - b. Board Activities – Continue Work on Strategic Plan Goals
8. Old Business
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9. New Business
 - a. Revise Attendance Policy 503P to replace “Religious holiday” with “Religious observance” under Excused absences.
 - b. Revise Wellness Policy 533P to add under GUIDELINES AND GOALS, A. Foods and Beverages, “New Discoveries Academy will provide meals to students in a respectful manner.” and “New Discoveries Montessori Academy will provide a school lunch regardless of an outstanding balance in a student’s meal account.”
 - c. Revise Reporting Grants to Board Policy 790P: Add to policy an exclusion of the need for approval prior to submission of federal and/or state grants that are ongoing and/or offered to all schools.
 - d. Consider accepting proposal to hire a consultant to assist with comprehensive succession plan.
10. Upcoming Meetings/Events/Announcements
 - a. Next board meeting, November 15, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
 - b. Finance Committee Meeting, November 8, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.
 - c. Policy/Governance Committee Meeting, November 8, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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