

# May Sands Montessori School

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday 4/26/17

**Attendance:** Kristen Winters; Rob Hardman; Ed Dawicki, Board Member; Briana Castillo, Board Chair; Melissa Trader, Board Member; Amy Bradshaw, Board Member; Christa Hunt; Jenn Stefanacci, Board Member; Lynn Barras, Principal; Jennifer Franke, Middle School Lead; Kaitlyn Haas, Upper El Lead; Alexis Hopkins, Lower El Lead; Kristin DeKeyrel, Lower El Lead; Joelle Ressler; Michel Gehin.

**Middle School Report:** Jennifer Franke updated the board on the middle school progress. She said that the students had received Chrome Books from the district, and that the students had begun using google classroom. The next few days the students would be working primarily on test prep.

**Upper Elementary Report:** Kaitlyn Haas reported to the board that the upper El. students had begun and were continuing FSA testing. The Gainesville, FL trip would be from 5/8 to 5/11. The students would be doing museum projects for their Ancient Civilizations Class. For their STEAM projects the students would be designing mini-golf course holes like they had done in past years.

**Lower Elementary Report:** Alexis reported that the lower el. students had completed FSA testing. Their Cultural Experience lessons have focused on South America, and the students had just begun learning about Ecuador.

Following the program reports the meeting was officially called to order by Briana Castillo at 4:30 pm. Ed motioned for the agenda to be accepted and it was seconded by Jenn.

**President's Report:** Board Chair Briana said that there would be two new members joining the board soon. She then introduced 4 candidates to the board members and allowed each of them to introduce themselves. The four candidates were Joelle Ressler, Christa Hunt, Rob Hartman, and Michel Gehin. Briana said that voting for the candidates would take place at the following meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the previous meeting were presented to the board. Ed motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Melissa.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financials from the previous month were presented to the board. Jenn motioned for a vote to approve the minutes and there was a second from Amy. The financials were approved.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Lynn Barras reported to the board that there were at least 51 families applying for spots for next school year. There are a number of staff and current student siblings also joining the school next year. The number of open spots in the lottery is about 18. Lynn also pointed out that this time of year the school is busy with student assessments. She also noted that there are 49 families who must attend the final corporation meeting of the year. There are also about 31 families who had not completed their work hours. Finally Lynn had reported that lease negotiations with the district seem to have regressed rather than progressed since the last time the board had met. The board discussed their options with no clear plan on how to move forward.

At 5:45 pm Briana motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Dawicki III