



RISING SUN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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The mission of Rising Sun Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori school that embraces the diversity of our students, parents, and teachers. Our school community will nurture the individual needs of each child in a learning environment that encourages students to be self-directed, avid learners who are prepared for a diverse world.

RISING SUN MONTESSORI SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2018
Time: Open Session 5:00 pm.
Location: Library, Rising Sun Montessori School
7006 Rossmore Lane El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

OPEN SESSION 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman of the Board at 5:02 pm

II. Roll Call

The Chairwoman took roll of members present:

Margarita Rivera, Board Chair	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>
Ken Wenham, Vice Chair	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>
James Stoops, Treasurer	Present <u> </u>	Absent <u>X</u>
Molly Mix, Secretary	Present <u> </u>	Absent <u>X</u>
Joshua Divelbiss, Member	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>
Cameron Lagala, Member	Present <u>X</u>	Absent <u> </u>

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Josh; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 4-0

IV. Public Comments (Items not on agenda)

None

V. Parent Committee Report

There was no Parent Committee Report for this meeting

VI. Teacher Report

Mr. Dan Olenchuk, Lead Teacher of Pegasus classroom reported:

1. Students are doing well; getting ready for Valentine’s Day activities.
2. Class has been doing presentations on natural disasters; tsunamis, earthquakes, etc. They have really enjoyed doing their projects.
3. For a lesson on respect, the students went down to the TK/K room and watched how Ms. Hana gave a lesson on respect to the younger students. This had a positive impact on the older students who then learned to modify some of their behaviors based on what they had observed.
4. They have also been doing a lot of “buddy” projects with the TK/K class and the students really enjoy that.
5. They’re setting up for SBAC test prep, practicing strategies, overcoming anxiety. Ms. Robin, Curriculum Coordinator, will come into the class to support students while Mr. Dan works with them on test prep.
6. Fieldtrips coming up include: IMAX next week and walk through historic downtown. Overnight fieldtrip to Coloma in March.

7. Students have had a lot of fun expressing their creativity with their cultural projects in which they had to create their own planets with unique cultural systems.
8. Pegasus students have continued to participate in the Intel PC-Pals program and he hopes that they can also plan a visit with their PC-Pal correspondents.

VII. Head of School Report

1. Report on current enrollment; we have 121 students enrolled. Reducing the graduates we have a potential 110 for re-enrollment and to date have received close to 90 applications for returning students. Of the 20 or so that have yet to re-enroll, teachers are personally contacting them to find out their intended plans for this fall.
2. During this first enrollment period we have brought in 54 new students applications. Our goal is to bring in 70 new student applications to account for attrition. A few families have moved out of the area this year. Only one family left the school because they were looking for something else.
3. Enrollment looks to be skewed to the younger ages at this time, with TK/K and lower elementary filling up quickly.
4. ESSA has standards/requirements to determine if a school is successful. One measure is chronic absenteeism. ESSA considers 10% of the school year missed to be chronic absenteeism. The count can be a little tricky with some students who enroll mid-year and especially at this time when we have been hit with several flu/viruses. Currently 11.3% of our students fall under chronic absenteeism. While this doesn't affect our overall ADA of 95.5% for funding purposes, it is an area that needs to be addressed. The lower grades are not affected by chronic absenteeism as much as the upper elementary and middle school grades. However, of those who do have attendance issues, they have improved their attendance overall from last year.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Regular Meeting minutes of January 23, 2018
Motion by Josh; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 4-0

IX. Adjournment

The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 pm.
Motion by Josh; Seconded by Cameron; Approved 4-0

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cauchon
Recording Clerk

3/13/18
Date

Approved by the Board of Directors on
[Signature]
Board Secretary

03/13/18
Date