



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 DIXON MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
 355 N. ALMOND ST. DIXON, CA 95630
 NOVEMBER 15TH, 6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

A Passion for Excellence

Mission

DMCS emphasizes academic excellence and discovery within an environment that nurtures each student to achieve their individual greatest potential.

Vision

Confident in their individual strengths and skills and with a passion for exploration, DMCS students enthusiastically strive to be their best and positively impact the world around them.

Values

Collaboration Integrity Sustainability Enthusiasm Innovative

Full Board Agenda

- A. Call to Order – 6:35 PM
- B. Adjourn to Closed Session
 - a. Public Employee Evaluation
 - i. Title: Director
- C. Adjourn to Open Session
 - a. Announcements from Closed Session
 - i. Nothing to report and no actions taken.
 - ii. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at time 7:11 PM
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Roll Call
 - i.

| Trustee | Presence |
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| Dennis Ballance (Board Chair) | Present |
| Dean Crechriou (Secretary) | Present |
| Kyle Felix (Vice Chair) | Absent |
| Greg Tripp | Present |
| Yvette Seibert | Present |
| Joanne Green (Director) | Present |

- D. Approval of Agenda
 - a. **MOTION** to approve agenda without amendments made by Dean Crechriou, seconded by Greg Tripp. Motion carries, vote of 4-0.
- E. Special Presentations
 - a. Jenna Florent, PTO Recycling Chair, gave a presentation to the Board about the success of the PTO Recycling Program. DMCS Students are very involved and funds from the program are now being donated to charity.
- F. Public Comments
 - a. There were no comments from the public.
- G. Consent Agenda

- a. DMCS Warrant report for October, 2016.
 - b. Meeting Minutes for October 25th, 2016.
 - c. **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda without amendments made by Dean Crechriou, seconded by Yvette Seibert. Motion carries, vote of 4-0
- H. Communications and Five Minute Reports
- a. Board Member Nominations – *Individuals may ask questions about serving on the Board, and individuals who have submitted a nomination form will be introduced to the Board.*
 - i. No questions and no nominations to consider at this time.
 - ii. A new statement of interest was received by the Board on 11/15/16.
 - iii. Current Board Members will be introduced at the upcoming Winter Sing Event scheduled for 12/13/16.
 - b. Student Body Report – *This is a report from a representative of the student body organization. (Student Representative)*
 - i. Tyler Algood, Student Body Vice President, gave a presentation to the Board about recent Middle School and Leadership activities.
 - ii. The Leadership group is planning to paint a sidewalk across the driveway of the school to enhance safety. Brian Horak, PTO Chair, offered to make a donation to help out with purchasing supplies for the crosswalk.
 - c. PTO Report (**PTO Chair**)
 - i. PTO Chair Brian Horak updated the Board on recent PTO activities including updates on the recent Fall Festival and Scholastic Book Fair.
 - ii. The PTO generously provided lunch for staff and faculty during Conference Week.
 - iii. Brian mentioned that the new DMCS sign is ready to be installed but we are in need of a contractor. Ms. Joanne offered to contact the district regarding possible installation.
 - iv. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for December 14th, 2016.
 - d. Special Ed Report (**Amy Valenzuela**)
 - i. There are currently 52 active IEP's with 5 pending.
 - ii. Ms. Amy reported that the Mental Health Funding request has been submitted to the El Dorado County SELPA.
 - iii. El Dorado County SELPA recently made a site-visit to the DMCS campus.
 - e. Staff Report (**Lara Perfecto**)
 - i. Lara Perfecto updated the Board about recent school/staff activities including updates about iReady Benchmark testing and recent Parent/Teacher conferences.
 - f. Middle School Report (**April Kemp**)
 - i. April Kemp updated the Board about recent Middle School activities including updates on changes to electives scheduling and math enrichment.
 - g. Dean of Students Report (**Ben Ernest**)
 - i. Mr. Ernest updated the Board on discipline and behavior numbers for the last month.
 - ii. The PBIS team will be meeting to discuss environmental and functional changes.
 - h. Director's Report (**Joanne Green**)
 - i. Ms. Joanne updated the Board on recent attendance/truancy meetings with parents. There was a discussion about ways to encourage students to be at school on time.
 - ii. The DMCS Safety Plan is scheduled to be turned in to DUSD by March 1st, 2017.
 - iii. The recently discussed GoMath Professional Development for staff has been postponed. A determination about whether the training is still necessary may be reevaluated by DMCS Administration at a later date.

I. Board Reports

- a. Finance Committee
 - i. Ms. Joanne is working with mark Hendrie at DMS to go over the interim budget, Mr. Hendrie will be at the next Board meeting, scheduled for December 13, 2016.
- b. Charter Advisory Committee
 - i. Nothing new to report. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 26th, 2017.
- J. The Board will discuss and/or take action on the following items
 - a. Election of Board Officers- *The Board will take action to elect new officers for the 2017 calendar year.* DISCUSSION/ACTION **(10 minutes – Board)**
 - i. Dean Crechriou made the suggestion to combine the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Dennis Ballance thought that that was a prudent idea.
 - ii. Dean Crechriou accepted the Secretary/Treasurer position.
 - iii. Greg Tripp accepted the Board Chair position.
 - iv. Yvette Seibert accepted the Vice Chair position.
 - v. **MOTION** to approve the above action item made by Dennis Ballance, seconded by Dean Crechriou. Motion carries, vote of 4-0
 - b. 2017 Board Master Calendar- *The Board will discuss and/or take action to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Calendar.* DISCUSSION/ACTION **(10 minutes – Board)**
 - i. **MOTION** to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Calendar made by Greg Tripp, seconded by Yvette Seibert. Motion carries, vote of 4-0
 - c. Student Achievement- *The Board will discuss and take action on issues related to improving student achievement.* DISCUSSION/ACTION **(10 minutes – Joanne Green)**
 - i. Ms. Joanne presented the 2016-2017 CAASPP/SBAC predictions. Scores are trending up and going in the right direction.
 - ii. A discussion of iReady occurred. The discussion centered around how iReady Diagnostics work and how the implementation of iReady Standards and Mastery will help our students.
 - d. Master Calendar Review- *The Board will review status of outstanding action items from previous meetings and Master Calendar items.* DISCUSSION/ACTION **(10 minutes – Board)**
 - i. Line 57- Ms. Joanne mentioned that this item is included in the Prop 39 request and is not an item for the Board.
 - ii. The December Board meeting is December 13th, 2016. The next Interim Budget needs to be approved at the meeting and questions need to be generated for the next meeting. The interim Budget needs to be delivered to DUSD by December 15th, 2016.
- K. Meeting evaluation
 - a. Board survey results were presented by Dean Crechriou.
 - b. A suggestion was made to add the previous evaluation file to the next meeting on BoardDocs.
 - c. Ideally Board Members should respond to the survey within 5 days of the previous meeting.
 - d. A link to the survey should be added to the agenda.
- L. The next regular meeting of the DMCS Governing Board will be held on December 13th, 2016.
- M. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.