



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA
DIXON MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
355 N. ALMOND ST. DIXON, CA 95620, ROOM 6

November 17, 2015, 6:30PM REGULAR MEETING

A Passion for Excellence

Mission

The mission of Dixon Montessori Charter School (DMCS) is to achieve academic excellence for all students by blending Montessori education with California State Standards. DMCS supports its mission through low teacher-to-student ratios, family participation, multi-aged classrooms, a diverse curriculum and individualized learning for each student. DMCS is a tuition-free public school committed to developing socially responsible, life-long learners.

Vision

- Our vision is to create a community of lifelong learners.
- Our vision is to create a school that focuses on critical thinking, problem solving, innovative solutions and collaboration.
- Our vision is to create a school that is highly regarded for its academic excellence and for its contributions to the community in which it operates.
- Our vision is to provide a well-rounded education for our students focusing on academics as well as character development, social justice and tolerance.
- Our vision is that our students will be prepared for a positive transition to high school and college and will easily adapt to the community and the world around them.
- Our vision is that as a school community we will support every child in each of their individual learning styles

Values

Collaboration Integrity Sustainability Enthusiasm Innovative

Full Board Agenda

- A. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
- B. Adjourn to Closed Session
 1. Public Employee Evaluation
 - i. Title: Director
- C. Adjourn to open session
 1. Announcements from Closed Session
 - i. Nothing to report and no actions taken.
 - ii. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 7:10 PM.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll call
 - i.



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Trustee	Presence
Dennis Ballance (President)	Present
Mary Ann Courville	Present
Dean Crechriou (Secretary)	Absent
Vicki Gracia (Treasurer)	Present
Stephen Toms	Present
Joanne Green (Director)	Present

D. Approval of Agenda

1. **MOTION** to approve agenda without amendments made by Vicki Gracia, seconded by Stephen Toms. Motion carries, vote of 4-0.

E. Special Presentations (Board approval)

1. Mrs. Perfecto and three students shared about their participation in the “Global Read Aloud Project.” “Global Read Aloud” is an international book club for students. Mrs. Perfecto’s class is reading The Year of Billy Miller and using KidBlog to communicate with students around the world reading the same book.

F. Public Comments: *The public may address the DMCS Governing Board regarding any item within the board’s jurisdiction whether or not that item appears on the agenda. In all cases the presiding officer reserves the right to impose time limits on presentations as may be necessary to ensure the agenda is completed. The Board will listen to any comments but is not permitted to respond other than to ask clarifying questions.*

1. No comments were made.

G. Consent Agenda: *Items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and are enacted by the Board in one motion. Discussion only occurs if members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items be discussed or removed and placed under action items for the current or a future Board meeting.*

1. Warrant report for October, 2015
2. Meeting minutes for October 27, 2015
 - i. **MOTION** to approve agenda without amendments made by Stephen Toms, seconded by Vicki Gracia. Motion carries, vote of 4-0.

H. Communications

1. 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. Kyle Felix expressed his interest in serving on the board. He shared that he moved to Dixon specifically for his children to attend this school and believes in the Montessori philosophy. He has experience working on the DMCS Site Council.



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- ii. Yvette Seibert asked clarifying questions about the seats available, and the responsibilities of a charter school board member.

2. Five Minute Reports – *Representative reports and updates* [**Joanne Green**]

- i. Student body report – *This is a report from a representative of the student body organization.* [**Student Representative**]
 - a. A representative was not present to report.
- ii. PTO report [**PTO Chair**]
 - a. Fundraiser Updates: \$9,055.00 in the Cookie Dough Sales, \$809.00 for Spirit Shirts, \$6,430.00 from the Book Fair.
 - b. Papa Murphy’s is going to begin to offer a fundraiser for us every Wednesday all day.
 - c. The PTO has honored many teacher requests.
- iii. Special Education report [**Amy Valenzuela**]
 - a. There are 43 active IEPs and 7 pending assessments.
 - b. Ms. Rachael reports that room 6 has been busy seeing her K-5 reading and math groups in the morning and middle school study skills class in the afternoon. We have also begun to plan and develop our community based instruction program for students with moderate to severe needs. Students with IEP’s are making progress and working hard to meet their annual goals!
 - c. Ms. Ashley reports that there were 6 “graduates” from Middle School Math Academy.
 - d. Mr. Ben reports that students have been able to make huge gains in their fluency with repeated choral readings in grades 1st -5th.
- iv. Staff report - *Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.* [**Melissa Moore/Lara Perfecto**]
 - a. The second iReady benchmark has been completed for all grade levels.
 - b. Parent-Teacher conferences were held the week of November 2nd. Teachers report a positive turnout and experience.
 - c. We reviewed Workmen’s Compensation and where to find the appropriate procedures if administration is unavailable.
 - d. We reviewed Earthquake Drill procedures.
- v. Middle school report [**April Kemp**]
 - a. Middle School teachers prepared for conferences by pulling portfolio work for each student and reflecting on “Glows and Grows” for the student. The major goal of conferences was to be supportive of the parents and communicate what they think the child needs to be successful.
 - b. On Thursday, the students will have the opportunity to purchase rewards with their MERIT money.
 - c. The MERIT Rally will be held on Friday. The leadership students will be involving their peers to support the theme of “Gratitude.”



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- d. Leadership is partnering with PTO to do a recycling drive this week.
- vi. Technology report [**Krista Purdom**]
 - a. Ms. Krista reported on the survey that she sent out to all teachers and middle school students regarding Chromebook usage on campus. The results show that all students on campus are using Chromebooks to support learning across subject areas.
- vii. Director's report – *This is a presentation of information and activities which have occurred since the previous Board meeting.* [**Joanne Green**]
 - a. Information was presented regarding how teachers in 2nd and 3rd grade are meeting the needs of their higher achieving students.
 - b. Ms. Joanne updated the discipline data to include the number of students from each grade-level, including the number of offenses per student.
 - c. A suggestion was made to include the LCAP data as a standing agenda item.
- I. Board Reports – *Board members report on activities taken by committees in which they participate.*
 - 1. Finance committee [**5 Minutes – Joanne Green**]
 - i. Monthly budget update
 - a. Books and supplies are running under budget.
 - b. Staff salaries are running slightly under budget.
 - 2. Charter advisory committee [**5 Minutes - Dean Crechriou**]
 - i. Nothing new to report.
- J. The Board will discuss and/or take action on the following items:
 - 1. Board member appointment - *Consideration and appointment of new board member.* DISCUSSION/ACTION [**5 minutes - Dennis Ballance**]
 - i. It was noted that Greg Tripp's wife is a teacher at the school, and therefore is an interested party. He will need to recuse himself for salary or contract discussions.
 - ii. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Greg Tripp made by Stephen Toms, seconded by Mary Ann Courville. Motion carries, vote of 4-0.
 - 2. Election of Board officers - *The Board will take action to elect officers for the 2016 term.* DISCUSSION/ACTION [**10 minutes - Dennis Ballance**]
 - i. Mary Ann Courville suggested that new board members not hold an officer position.
 - ii. This discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.
 - 3. Concealed weapon law - *The Board will discuss adoption of a concealed weapon policy.* DISCUSSION/ACTION [**10 minutes - Dennis Ballance**]
 - i. Ms. Joanne would like to speak to DUSD and other schools about their policies.
 - ii. Kyle Felix shared some more information in support of and against the bill.



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- iii. Mary Ann Courville stated that she would like to know the stance of the teachers and parents on this issue before making a decision.
- 4. Action Item / Master Calendar Review – *The Board will review status of outstanding action items from previous meetings and Master Calendar items.* DISCUSSION/ACTION. **[15 Minutes – Dennis Ballance]**
 - i. Ms. Joanne suggested removing the mid-year self-evaluation of teachers.
- 5. Student Achievement – *The Board will discuss and take action on issues related to improving student achievement.* DISCUSSION/ACTION. **[20 Minutes – Board]**
 - i. There was nothing new to discuss at this time.
- K. Meeting evaluation – *The Board will conduct a self-evaluation on meeting and materials effectiveness in order to improve future meetings.*
- L. The next regular meeting of the DMCS Governing Board will be held on December 8, 2015.
- M. Adjournment at 9:06 PM.