



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DIXON MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
355 N. ALMOND ST. DIXON, CA 95630
AUGUST 30TH, 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 of 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 – 6:33 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 7:04 PM.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Roll Call
 - i.

Trustee	Presence
Dennis Ballance (Board Chair)	Present
Mary Ann Courville (Treasurer)	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. Agenda item E3 moved to E1.
 - b. **MOTION** to approve agenda with amendments made by Dean Crechriou, seconded by Greg Tripp. Motion carries, vote of 5-0.
- E. Special Presentations
 - a. No special presentations were made.
- F. Public Comments
 - a. There were no comments from the public.
- G. Consent Agenda
 - a. DMCS Warrant report for July, 2016
 - b. Meeting Minutes for June 30th, 2016.
 - c. **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda without amendments made by Dean Crechriou, seconded by Mary Ann Courville. Motion carries, vote of 5-0.
- 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. There is currently one open Board seat available and a new seat will be available in January, 2017. The Board is currently accepting applications.
 - b. Student Body Report – *This is a report from a representative of the student body organization.*
(Student Representative)
 - i. Middle School students Carson Schene, Emma Gracia, and Ryan Lomeli updated the Board on recent Middle School activities.
 - c. PTO Report **(PTO Chair)**
 - i. Brian Horak, recently re-elected as PTO Chair for the 16-17 school year, updated the Board on recent PTO activities, including updates on fundraising and spirit wear orders.
 - d. Special Ed Report **(Amy Valenzuela)**
 - i. There are currently 54 active IEP's with 3 pending.
 - e. Staff Report **(Lara Perfecto)**
 - i. 2/3 Teacher Lara Perfecto updated the Board on recent Staff activities, including updates on the first MERIT rally and the first iReady assessments of the new school year.
 - f. Middle School Report **(April Kemp)**
 - i. April Kemp updated the Board on recent Middle School activities.
 - g. Director's Report **(Joanne Green)**
 - i. Ms. Joanne introduced the new Dean of Students, Ben Ernest, to the Board.
 - ii. Ms. Joanne gave the Board an update on school safety, including updates on the recent safety audit, drills, new intercom phone installation, and student arrival/dismissal procedures.
 - iii. Parents and community members were present and a discussion regarding the new student arrival and dismissal procedures took place.
- I. Board Reports
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. No update at this time.
 - b. Charter Advisory Committee
 - i. The next meeting of the Charter Advisory Committee is scheduled for Oct. 13th, 2016.
- J. The Board will discuss and/or take action on the following items

- a. DMCS Mission and Goals – *The Board will discuss and take action on the proposed new mission and goals from the Strategic Planning Board Retreat.* DISCUSSION/ACTION **(10 Minutes – Joanne Green)**
 - i. **MOTION** to approve the above action item made by Dean Crechriou, seconded by Greg Tripp. Motion carries, vote of 5-0.
 - b. Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) introduction and procedures- *The Board will receive information and discuss PBIS procedures.* INFORMATION/DISCUSSION **(Ben Ernest – 10 Minutes)**
 - i. Ben Ernest discussed PBIS and introduced the Governing Board to Kickboard, a school-wide behavior management system.
 - c. Staff Benefits Package for October Open Enrollment Presentation - *The Board will receive information, discuss the employee benefit package and take action for approval.* INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL **(10 Minutes – Dennis Carlson)**
 - i. Dennis Carlson from Bespoke Benefits discussed changes to the staff benefits package for the 16/17 school year.
 - ii. Dean Crechriou asked for more details on the financial aspects of the proposed benefits package and how the increased cost would affect the budget going forward.
 - iii. No action was taken on the above action item. This item will be voted on at the next scheduled Board meeting, Sept. 27th, 2016.
 - d. Master Calendar Review **(10 minutes – Board)**
- K. Meeting evaluation
- L. The next regular meeting of the DMCS Governing Board will be held on Sept. 27th, 2016.
- M. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.