



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT  
DIXON MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL  
355 N. ALMOND ST. DIXON, CA 95620, Room 20

August 03, 2013 – 9:00 AM – WORKSHOP

Action Summary

1. Motions
  - a. None
2. Recommendations
  - a. Develop survey to gather stakeholder input

Meeting Minutes

- A. Call to order
  - The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 9:12 AM.
- B. Roll call

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

Also in attendance: Debbie Knox, Jose Setka & Courtney Adkins

- C. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve agenda made by Sonia Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann Courville. Motion carries, vote 6-0
- D. Public Comments:
  - No public comments
- E. Strategic Review and Planning:
  - Presentation provided by Dennis Balance to review current Mission and Vision as well as overview of purpose of each.
  - Discussion around current Mission, Vision and Values:



- i. Board and Staff decisions should support
  - ii. Attendees discussed whether current DMCS Mission Statement is adequate; several modifications were proposed. Students should be at the center of the Mission Statement. Mission should reflect these key elements: Self-Motivation, Independence, Respect, Parent responsibility in education & Project Based Learning (PBL).
  - iii. Discussed current school Values and methods to gather input from stakeholders. A survey was proposed to gather input on whether proposed Mission Statement and Values reflect expectations of parents. Action: develop set of questions to survey parents.
  - iv. The Vision should use the current academic standards as only a base and that the school should use available tools (such as Montessori) as a means to exceed these baseline targets. State created standards as a floor, ideally students should exceed these.
  - v. Suggestions on establishing strong parent, student, education relationship:
    1. Offer targeted courses to parents (math, language fundamentals, etc.)
  - vi. Discussed length or current Vision, and proposed potential changes.
- Re-chartering discussion:
    - i. Team will be led by Joanne Green (Director)
    - ii. We will not be handing over responsibilities to district; Relationships will be contractual.
    - iii. KIPP may be a valuable resource
    - iv. Establish project plan with key deliverables
  - Long-Term Strategic Goals discussion:
    - i. Consider a uniform teaching paradigm
    - ii. Consideration for setting fiscal goal exception review procedure
- F. The next regular meeting of the DMCS Governing Board will be held on August 27, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
- G. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM.