



MONTESSORI
PEAKS ACADEMY
Jeffco Public School of Choice

MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm held virtually
Login Details posted on the school website at www.montessoripeaks.org

1. **Roll Call and a Declaration of Quorum of Directors**

Present: Irrit Mihok, Becky Springstead, Emily Splitek, Adam Livingston; Justin Sasso
Ashley Foehner

Brittney Horstman, Sarah Stephens, and Carmen Senter were absent.

Non-member attendee(s): Anne Blackburn

2. **Mission Statement:** *It is the mission of Montessori Peaks Academy to achieve high standards of individual excellence by guiding the whole student through an exceptional learning experience based on the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori.*

3. **Community Comments:**

Two parents joined together to read a written statement regarding the school wide announcement protocol A. Blackburn implemented. A specific concern was raised regarding the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Principals Report:**

Anne Blackburn provided the Principals Report. Topics included:

1) Open staffing positions

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- 2) Construction update regarding the drain in the front of the primary classroom, HVAC improvements, shade structure
- 3) Newsletter format
- 4) Parent committees
- 5) Parent Information Night - 9/8/2022, 6:15 introductions, 2 sessions that will be identical 6:30-7:15, 7:15-8:00.
- 6) Traffic flow

5. **Executive Session:**

Motion 1: Adam motioned to move the meeting to executive session citing C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d): Security Arrangements and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b): Legal Advice.

Roll call:

- Irrit Mihok - yay
- Becky Springstead - yay
- Emily Splitek - yay
- Adam Livingston - yay
- Justin Sasso – yay
- Ashley Foehner - yay

Motion passed.

Entered executive session at 7:27 PM.

Exited executive session at 8:56 PM.

Motion 2: Emily motioned to adopt changes to the MPA handbook to include clarifying language and increase the number of days from 7 to 10 days and the number of rollover days to 10 with a maximum of 14 days that can be used for a school year. Adam seconded.

- Irrit Mihok - yay
- Becky Springstead - yay

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- Emily Splitek - yay
- Adam Livingston - yay
- Justin Sasso – yay

6. **Handbook:**

a. **Staff handbook:**

Revised versions of the handbook will be drafted to include the changes approved in the above motion.

b. **Family handbook:**

Has been distributed.

7. **Architecture/DCS Next Steps:**

a. **DCS to share cost**

b. **Middle school committee**

1. Ashley shared Staff opinions surrounding the Middle School.
2. A Middle School Committee will be formed to review feedback from staff and parents.

8. **Student Fees:**

Motion 3: Motion to approve a \$15 increase in student fees for 1st – 6th grade, \$7.50 increase in student fees for K for the PE program. Adam seconded.

- Irrit Mihok - yay
- Becky Springstead - yay
- Emily Splitek - yay
- Adam Livingston - yay
- Justin Sasso – yay
- Ashley Foehner – yay

Motion passed.

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9. **Committee Reports (new committees?)**

a. **Finance – (Brittney/Jen)**

b. **Marketing - (Becky/Justin)** - BOD pictures wanted for the website

c. **SAC - (Emily- no mtg yet)** - Waiting on CMAS data for next meeting

d. **Grievance - (Justin/Irrit)**

10. **Monthly Meeting Attendance and Updates**

a. **Staff – (Ashley)**

b. **PTA - (Becky)** - Will provide an update for next month

c. **JCSC - (Adam)** - Meetings should begin next month

11. **Board Calendar (Justin)**

a. Confirmed that minutes will be posted to the MPA website each month, 1 year history available.

12. **Approve Consent Agenda**

July 8, 2022 - General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 4 Becky motioned to approve the July 8, 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes. Adam seconded.

- Irrit Mihok - yay
- Becky Springstead - yay
- Emily Splitek - yay
- Adam Livingston - yay
- Justin Sasso – yay
- Ashley Foehner – yay

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Motion passed.

13. Final Comments

14. Adjourn – 9:38

Minutes Approved by:

Irrit Mihok

I. Mihok, President, Board of Directors, MPA

Becky Springstead

B. Springstead, Secretary, Board of Directors, MPA

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