



High Desert Montessori

101 Fantastic Drive, Reno, Nevada 89512

**Board of Directors Meeting
April 26, 2023, @ 5:00 PM via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 5:02

Nicole Commons
Max Haynes (not present)
Bonnie Pillaro
Ashley Allen
Reid Riker
Jennifer Linn (not present)
Nancy Smith
Brigitte Frost
Kelly Ryder

2. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Member Riker motions to approve the agenda as presented (see supporting documents). Member Frost seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Board Minutes from March 15, 2023

Member Pillaro motions to approve the minutes as presented (see supporting documents), Member Allen seconds the motion, Member Riker abstains, and it passes unanimously.

5. Silver State Government Relations Presentation:

Lobbyist Sarah Adler presented an update regarding the current State of Nevada Legislative session and key bills related to the funding for education.

6. Introduction & Resume Review of Possible Board Member Kristen Ashbaugh:

Member Smith presented the resume (see supporting documents) of Possible Board Member Kristen Ashbaugh who has expressed interest in taking on the role of PTO Parent Representative on the HDMS

Board of Directors.

Parent Ashbaugh spoke to why she would like to take on the role of PTO Parent Representative on the HDMS Board of Directors

7. Principal Update:

Administrator Perez presented an update regarding testing.

Administrator Perez presented an update regarding the approved alternative schedule to make up snow days.

Administrator Perez shared that the Middle School Archery Team is going to the National Tournament.

Administrator Perez announced that Administrator Richards has been hired as Assistant Principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

8. Montessori Advisor Update:

Teacher Ryder presented an update on teacher attendance at Montessori conferences and the key ideas shared at the conferences.

Teacher Ryder presented an update on the Fundamentals of Computer Science Workshop and how it could possibly be incorporated at HDMS.

9. Executive Director Update:

Administrator Stockton presented an update on both the Board Personnel Committee and the HDMS Recruitment & Retainment Task Force (see supporting documents).

10. Finance Committee Update:

Member Riker presented the report from Edward Jones on the HDMS Investment Account.

Member Riker noted the potential of upcoming increases to DSA and WCSD Salary Increases for the 2023-2024 school year.

Members Riker and Pillaro noted the Primary Tuition Increases that were voted on last school year.

Member Pillaro presented an update on the Nevada Ready Grant in the Primary Program.

Member Riker and Member Pillaro presented an update on the Capital Campaign and the search for a grant writer to help secure funds to repay the bond with the goal of the school becoming debt free.

11. Board Governance Update

Chairperson Commons requested that the May Board Meeting be moved back one day from May 31, 2023 to May 30, 2023. The Board agrees to the date change unanimously.

Member Allen and Chairperson Commons presented the survey results from the HDMS Board Evaluation Survey and an update on the Memorandum of Understanding.

12. HDMS Board Officer Elections

Administrator Stockton noted that Member Riker is terming out in his Office of Treasurer and that positions should be voted on at this meeting.

Member Frost motions to nominate the following members to be appointed to the following offices:

Chairperson: Nicole Commons

Vice-Chairperson: Reid Riker

Secretary: Ashley Allen

Treasurer: Bonnie Pillaro

Member Smith seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

13. Public Comment

Administrator Perez thanked the HDMS staff members who attended the meeting, and also thanked Teacher Berfield for leading today's Professional Development.

14. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items

Members discussed items for future agendas.

Member Riker motions to adjourn the meeting and Member Pillaro seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned and it passes unanimously.