

**Board of Trustees Meeting
February 22, 2017 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at: 6:10 p.m.

Members in attendance: Bill Bagatini; Mark Bland, President-Elect; Melanie Como-Dits, President; Lauren Cressy Dunbar; Annie Geary; Jeff Miars; Doug Morris; Sophie White; Jennifer Williamson; Paul Worland; Ed Yang, Past President; and Jeanne Yoder, Secretary

Staff/Faculty in attendance: Deborah Drendall, Head of School; Susan Finster, Director of Finance; Kim Bosworth, Executive Assistant/Admissions Coordinator; Kathy Kolata, Alumni and Community Relations Coordinator/MTA Director; and Tanya Hagen, Development Events Coordinator

Guests in attendance: Sal Aguinaga; Sarah Aldape; Dedie Kelso; Rick Niedbalski and Anne Westrate (All Current Parents)

Absent: Michael Cox; David Rowley, Treasurer; and Mari Linn Wise

Consent Agenda – including January 2017 Meeting Minutes; and February Advancement Report; was unanimously approved.

New Business – A **MOTION** was made to amend the June 2016 minutes to show an approved Motion to extend Ed Yang’s term by one year in order to serve as the HOS Search Committee Chair; and an approved Motion to extend Bill Bagatini’s term by one year to serve as Honorary member. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Head of School Search Committee – This report was moved to the Closed session of the meeting.

Committee on Trustees – Melanie Como-Dits noted that this report will be moved to the Closed session of the meeting. It was noted that the Trustees will be asked to complete the BOT Evaluation and the BOT Self-Evaluation documents at that time.

Head of School Report – Deborah Drendall reviewed a written report highlighting the following:

- Enrollment
- Daily Details
 - Staff Goals and Expectations
 - Prospective Family Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2017
 - Montessori Middle School and Beyond on Thursday, February 16, 2017

- Admissions Report – Kim Bosworth reviewed a written report highlighting the following:
 - 2016-2017 Enrollment Update as of 2-21-17
 - 2017-2018 Enrollment Update as of 2-21-17
 - 2017-2018 Re-enrollment Timeline
 - Highlights of the past month
- Development Report – Tanya Hagen reviewed a written report highlighting the following:
 - Annual Giving Campaign
 - Dancing with the Stars
 - Windfall Auction & Gala
- Alumni and Community Relations Report – Kathy Kolata reviewed a written report highlighting the following:
 - Accomplished in January and February
 - Working towards completing in March
- Montessori Moment – Deborah gave a presentation on *Peace In Our Day*

Announcements – Please attend our up-coming Peace Party at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, February 27th.

Presentation by Parents – A group of parents attended the meeting and asked to speak to the Board. Sal Aguinaga was the representative/speaker for the group. Sal indicated that parents feel:

- the school needs to do a better job at identification (stressing early identification) of students with learning difficulties.
 - The school needs a more systematic approach and options should be more readily known.
 - The school currently only has one person in the position of Educational Support. Parents feel we need more.
- the school can do a better job of offering high-quality after-care options.
 - Parents feel the After-Care issue is with Elementary, not Early Childhood. They feel there is a lack of structure and organization.
 - Parents have a list of After-Care concerns if it would be helpful.

Melanie Como-Dits asked the parents to share their concerns with the Head of School. She conveyed the fact that the Board cannot overstep the Head of School, especially in matters of personnel. Mark Bland also asked the parent group to spend time with the Head of School and felt confident that they would be able to come up with a solution. Paul Worland committed to talking with the new HOS candidates about the future of the after-care program and about early identification and support for students with learning difficulties and their families.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at: 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2017