

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of
Montessori Education Preschool & ECS Institute of Alberta

The Meeting of the board was held on
March 16th, 2023 at #3 Windsor Crescent S.W. Calgary Alberta T2V-1V4

Officers of the Board Present:

John Samaksa	President
Donna Toews	Secretary Treasurer
Muriel Samaska	Chair

Other Board Members Present:

Dorota Cieplak	Britannia Montessori
Sharron Foster	Carousel Montessori
Margaret Chaput	Bonavista Montessori
Minaz Bharwani	Michael's Montessori
Rebekah Cosyns	Alpine Montessori
Mandeep Aulakh	Ranchlands Montessori

Employees Present:

Cheryl Gyoerick	School Administrator
Nichole Langlois	ECS Coordinator

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting could conduct business.
2. The Secretary Treasurer determined and reported that notice of the meeting had been properly given or waived by the directors.
3. There was presented at the meeting, a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting of the board.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Agenda approved
5. Administration Update – Cheryl Gyoerick

We have seen some great new ideas, strategies and innovative curriculum ideas after the Teachers Convention held this past February. Great work to all the teachers for implementing

the things they learned and were inspired by at the convention.

Many of our teachers are away attending the Montessori Conference in Boston this year from March 16-19th. They will hold a presentation when they return. Next Years conference will be in Orlando Florida. Our draft Calendar for next year includes the conference dates as non-instructional dates as we hope to see even more teachers and staff attend.

We are looking for another Elder to participate at our programs next year. It has become a lot of for our current elder to support all of our locations. We have asked if he will help us to find another elder that would be willing to come and participate in our FNMI events next year.

Graduation celebrations and performances will take place at Bethany Chapel for Bonavista, Britannia, Alpine & Ranchlands on June 26th at 6:00pm
Carousel & Micahels will be held at Temple community centre on June 23rd at 6:00pm

We will need volunteers to help decorate and prepare food. Maggie has offered to organize this so if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to her.

6. Secretary Treasurer/Executive Director – Donna Toews

We are looking to hire 2 additional EA's 30hrs/week - 1 at our Carousel location as another PUF child has joined the Sr classroom that has significant 1:1 support needs and 1 at our Britannia location to replace our EA leaving on Maternity leave currently supporting both the jr and Sr classrooms.

An Advertisement has been placed on Indeed and we will be holding Interviews beginning next week for the appropriate candidates. Resumes can also be emailed to our info@montcc.ca or admin@montcc.ca emails.

7. New Business

Dorota has submitted the Repairs and maintenance lists from each location. These will be reviewed and we will look for volunteers and workers as required to evaluate and complete the required work.

Dorota will also form a playground committee to research fundraising opportunities, costs of an update to the play equipment at Britannia.

A wishlist of equipment, furnishings and supplies has also been submitted from each location. These items will be taken into consideration for the 2024-2025 Budget. – Donna will prepare a report for funds available.

8. Teacher Presentation – Melissa Kraemer

Our wellness goal this year is to develop an understanding of what it means to be a part of the MCC community.

Teachers are working on making connections across all locations and across different age groups. Children are being encouraged to develop social skills by working in mixed age groups promoting a sense of community and cooperation.

Peace Education – we would like to put a strong emphasis on peace education teaching children conflict resolution, empathy and understanding

Slide show of children and activities/events concluded

9. Old Business

None

10. The directors ratified and approved all documents presented.

11. Wrap Up and adjourn

There was no further business. It was resolved that all the items and documents have been examined, and were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Dated: March 16th, 2023

Secretary Treasurer  Printed Name Donna Toews

Witness *Sharron Foster* Printed Name Sharron Foster