

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL (EPMS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
800 HUTCHINSON ROAD, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:03 PM-9:19 PM  
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dir. Katechia called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Directors Buckner, Hammons, Hernandez, Katechia, Lisy-Wagner, Mannion, Pollard, Segrove, Smith, Solis and White were present.
2. **MISSION STATEMENT**- Dir. Pollard read the Mission Statement.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –
  - a. Tammy Yahud – EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - b. Mark Anthony – EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction. Asked what the benchmarks are for opening.
  - c. Shakira Khan – EPMS teacher. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - d. Jessica Hauger – EPMS teacher. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - e. Denise May – EPMS teacher. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - f. Ran Wang – EPMS teacher and parent. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - g. Ellen Rutgers – EPMS teacher. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - h. Anna-Maria White – EPMS teacher and parent. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - i. Heather Budgin – EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - j. Jennifer Flam – EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction. Asked what the benchmarks are for opening.
  - k. Amy Chionis - EPMS teacher and parent. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - l. Brandi deAssis - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - m. John Wang - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - n. Naoko Warren - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - o. Sheli Han - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction. Asked what the benchmarks are for opening.
  - p. Joe Sweiss - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - q. Farzad Heydari - EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of returning to in-person instruction.
  - r. Megan Daoudi - EPMS parent. Expressed concern with distance learning. Requested less work for students.
  - s. Chris Riffel – EPMS parent. Spoke in favor of continuing distance learning.
  - t. Katherine Holder – EPMS parent. Expressed concerns over hybrid model.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Dir. Katchia moved to approve the agenda; Dir. Segrove seconded; motion passed (11-0-0).
5. **COMMUNICATIONS** –
  - a. Staff Report
    - i. Dirs. Buckner and White read letters from EPMS teachers in support of continuing distance learning.

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- ii. Dir. Hammons discussed understanding the concerns about returning to returning to in-person instruction as well as the concerns about continuing distance learning.
- b. Other Board Communications – No report.

**6. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

**a. Path Back to the Peak –**

- i. Dir. Katechia moved to keep EPMS in distance learning for the next nine weeks as described in the Path to the Peak; Dir. Lisy-Wagner seconded; motion passed (10-1-0). Dirs. Buckner, Hammons, Hernandez, Katechia, Lisy-Wagner, Mannion, Pollard, Segrove, Smith, and White voted to approve the motion. Dir. Solis voted nay.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Dir. Katechia moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm; Dir. Mannion seconded; motion passed (11-0-0).

**NOTICES:**

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
2. Eagle Peak Montessori School (EPMS) is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The school does not discriminate against any person on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability. Michelle Hammons, Administrative Director, has been designated to receive requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations in order to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in EPMS's open and public meetings. Please notify Michelle Hammons (925-946-0994) 72 hours or more prior to the disability accommodations being needed in order to participate in the meeting

I, Emily Pollard, Secretary of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these Minutes were approved at the 10-20-20 EPMS Board Meeting.

