

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL (EPMS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 1, 2022
4:03 pm-5:23 pm
MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 PM Directors Buckner, Desautels, Hammons, Hernandez, Ichiroku, Liskin (left meeting 4:50 pm), Mannion, Smith, and Womble.

1. MISSION STATEMENT- Dir Smith read the mission statement.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - Five members of the public addressed the board regarding EPMS COVID policies and protocols; Three EPMS parents and two external attorneys, 1 CA licensed and 1 Arizona licensed, self identified as affiliated with the CA Parents Union special interest group.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Dir. Mannion moved to approve the agenda; Dir. Hernandez seconded; motion passed (9-0-0).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Staff Update - Dir. Hammons reported on the upcoming staff training refresher from Gulf Coast Montessori training center and the Embracing Equity initiative. Dir. Hammons noted that an in person student art program is planned for this school year and that we are fully staffed including a new hire from a local Montessori preschool. Dir. Buckner reported on plans for student Bridge week.
- b. Treasurer’s Update - Dir. Ichiroku reported on two key changes of note for the school budget since the Jun budget revise. Positively impacting the budget is the state’s increase to the COLA and base LCFF funding formula. A new potentially negative impact on the school budget is the cost to satisfy the state mandated Universal Meals program if the school is unable to partner successfully with MDUSD’s meal program.
- c. CFEP Update - Dir. Desautels reported that CFEP is continuing to work through the process of updating the donation process to integrate with the new CRM system. Planning meetings are anticipated before the start of the school year.
- d. Other Board Communications - None reported.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. The board will consider the matter of the Independent Study Policy. Dir. Hammons motioned to approve the Independent Study Policy. Dir Buckner seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).
- b. The board will consider the matter of the Attendance Policy. Dir. Hernandez motioned to approve the Attendance Policy. Dir Buckner seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).
- c. The board will consider the matter of the Foster Youth Policy. Dir. Mannion motioned to approve the Foster Youth Policy. Dir Hernandez seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0).
- d. The board will consider the matter of the 2022-2023 Covid Protocols. The board discussed the draft EPMS protocols and viewed the Contra Costa county public health COVID-Schools-GRID document. The EPMS legal representative was present for the discussion. Dir Ichiroku motioned to approve the “On Campus COVID Protocol” with the edits discussed. Dir seconded. Motion passed (9-0-0). Dir. Hernandez motioned to approve the “Student Masking Protocol” with the edits discussed. Dir Desautels seconded. Motion passed (8-0-0).
- e. The board will consider the matter of the August Board meeting location and date. Dir. Ichiroku motioned to hold the August 23rd EPMS board Meeting in Virtual Format after considering, 1) the ongoing state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials to recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of board members and the public to meet safely. Dir. Mannion seconded. Motion passed (8-0-0).

7. ADJOURNMENT Dir. Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Dir. Buckner seconded. Motion passed (8-0-0).

NOTICES:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 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, Executive 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.

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I, Rachel Smith, Secretary of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these Minutes were approved at the 09-20-22 EPMS Board Meeting.



Rachel Smith
Secretary EPMS Board of Directors