



## Board Meeting Minutes

Desert Sky Montessori

Virtual Meeting

June 15, 2022

Jessica Loukonen called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

**Present:** Jessica Loukonen, Cara Nowak, John Eskew, Daisy Sexton, Kevin McKennon

**Also present:** Jodie Borgia, Bill Alsdurf Jr, Deli Thordarson, Pascaline Myers, Heather Phillips (6:18 arrival)

### BUSINESS

2022.06.15.01 Cara Nowak moves to approve the May minutes. Jessica Loukonen seconds. The May minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

#### A. Jodie Borgia: Head of School Report

- a. Would like for the board to review policy for volunteer/criminal history checks; Bill Alsdurf Jr would like the check to be moved from biannually to annually
- b. Enrollment numbers are down, but there is a robust waitlist
  - i. 15 places are open for next school year; Heather Phillips and Bill Alsdurf Jr will be figuring out where to fill those spaces around which rooms each class will be filling
  - ii. Need to have 176 students as per the tentative budget
- c. Staffing: have 3 lower elementary candidates to interview; one of these has Montessori training; one has lots of teaching experience and is willing to be trained in Montessori; 3 new teachers have an Oregon teacher's license
- d. DSM's Wolf class is in the middle of a health crisis as type A Flu is going through this cohort; all students in the class have tested negative for Covid twice; Laura Hart at BLP [Bend-La Pine] has been contacted and is satisfied things are in order as far as testing, cohorting, and containment
- e. Testing was affected by the high rate of absenteeism this year; school testing had more positive results than state testing; currently working out a plan going forward to help the students to test better
- f. Teacher evaluations will be finished and available by the time Jodie Borgia leaves the school
- g. Potentially changing DSM from a charter school to a magnet school: BLP seems very interested in this happening; DSM would lose some autonomy; the district would then take over the business side of the school



2022.06.15.03. Jessica Loukonen moves to approve the addendum for the 2022-2023 HOS [Head of School] contract that changes Bill Alsdurf Jr's starting date from July 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022. John Eskew seconds. The addendum for the 2022-2023 HOS contract changing Bill Alsdurf Jr's starting date from July 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022, is approved by unanimous vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:20pm.

**Recorded by: Cara Nowak**

***Minutes approved at 7/27/2022 Board Meeting***