



Board Meeting Minutes
Desert Sky Montessori
63645 Scenic Drive, Bend, OR 97701
December 11th, 2019

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

Present: Sam Pierce, Cara Nowak, Jolene Dodge, John Eskew, Kim Bangerter

Also Present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Jason Sexton, Heather Amaral, Jessica Loukonen, Blake Evans, Tina Lowery-Evans, Tiffany Simmons, Laurie Wilson, CeCe Bangerter, Karen Devlin, Tara Breitenbucher, Jessie Anderson, Alison Graham, Gavin Graham, Yuri Alexander, Pascaline Ocana, Elizabeth Oshel, Heather Phillips, Tom Larkin, Vincent Orantes, Dale Cratty, Ben Timson

OPEN FORUM

Blake Evans: parent at DSM; concerned about the teaching style his student is experiencing and the effect it is having on his student; formal complaint filed; concerned about the way his family's complaints have been handled

Tiffany Simmons: parent at DSM; concerned about the teaching style her student is experiencing and the effect it is having on her student

Karen Devlin: parent at DSM; her student transferred to DSM last year because she wasn't flourishing at her previous school; has had a positive experience at DSM and believes the teaching style makes her student want to work harder

Tara Breitenbucher: parent at DSM; encourages the board to consider taking the time to gather all feedback concerning the situation; feels her student is thriving in class and believes the teaching style used is allowing the students to get their work done

Alison Graham: parent at DSM and Montessori-trained teacher; thinks the administration and board are making decisions that are best for the business but not best for the children's education...i.e. that it is not a proper Montessori education; is, with Gavin Graham, unenrolling their oldest child from DSM

Gavin Graham: parent at DSM; was excited to grow with DSM at the beginning, but now feels that things have gone awry; does not feel that structure is being brought in with loving support towards the children; is, with Alison Graham, unenrolling their oldest child from DSM

CeCe Bangerter: parent and employee at DSM; has an office directly outside the classrooms; has witnessed students seeming quiet and normalized this year; feels control, grace, and courtesy are growing in the classroom

Jessie Anderson: parent at DSM; concerned about the negative impact she feels this school year is having on her student

John Eskew: parent and board member at DSM; feels parents and community at DSM really care about the children at the school

BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda
 - a. Business Director Report
 - b. Head of School Report
 - 1. Jodie Borgia: she and Julia Sutter attended the Bend/La Pine School district meeting yesterday; DSM was found in compliance
 - c. Approve November 2019 Minutes
 - d. Approve 2019.2020 salary schedule

2019.12.11.01: Cara Nowak moves to approve the consent agenda. John Eskew seconds. The consent agenda is approved by unanimous vote.

- B. Discussion on the progress of Scenic Phase II – planning and developing
 - a. Julia Sutter: instead of needing to have a modular on the OWC property by this summer, we do have enough space to wait one more year before it is a necessity; paperwork from the architect and engineer concerning the OWC site will hopefully be done by mid-December, then we will be able to have a meeting with the county and DEQ in January

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 1/8/2020 Board Meeting