



**DSM Board Meeting Minutes**  
Desert Sky Montessori  
63645 Scenic Drive, Bend, OR 97701  
June 12, 2019

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Sam Pierce, Cara Nowak, Jennae Thompson, Jolene Dodge, Kim Bangerter

**Also Present:** Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, CeCe Bangerter, Krystyna Mardula-Davis

**OPEN FORUM**

Krystyna Mardula-Davis: Wondering about the timeline for windows being installed in the classrooms at OWC...was informed that the frames are in place for the windows underneath existing drywall, hoping for possible installation next summer

**BUSINESS**

- I. Executive Session – Executive Compensation
  - A. Consent Agenda
    - a. May Minutes
    - b. Business Director Report
    - c. Head of School Report
    - d. President Report

2019.6.12.01 Kim Bangerter moves to approve the consent agenda. Jolene Dodge seconds. The consent agenda is approved by unanimous vote.

- B. 2019-2020 Budget
  - a. Jennae Thompson expressed need to see DSM and DSMP finances split in order to feel confident approving budget
  - b. Board is not ready to approve budget in its current form; special session to be scheduled before July 1, 2019, for budget approval
- C. Middle School Task Force Reporting /Discussion
  - a. A task force to research developing a middle school has met; members include Jodie Borgia, Jolene Dodge, Kim Bangerter, CeCe Bangerter, Pascaline Ocana, Marissa Bunker

- b. Committee is exploring what our vision for a Montessori middle school program would look like and ideally include; Children of the Earth, business education, gardening, farming, greenhouse, solarium, health and fitness all discussed as possible inclusions
- c. Staff training discussed
- d. Committee has decided that working out finances and visiting other middle schools are the most important next steps
- e. Committee hopes to have decent financial numbers (estimate) for opening and running a middle school program to report by the November 2019 board meeting
- f. The board feels that information regarding a potential middle school should be communicated to the community; a place on the DSM website for a potential middle school will be created and Sam Pierce will send an email to current parents

**D. Facilities/Expansion Discussion and Task Force Formation**

- a. A task force has met to explore whether the OWC property could work in housing a full campus or if there is a different property that would fit our growth needs, and what each of these options would entail
- b. Dan Pebbles, one of OWC's property owners, has been made aware that we will not pull out of our lease, but are looking at other potential properties; Dan Pebbles is willing to let us build-to-suit if the money can be found
- c. The board will reach out to parents who may have some expertise in development, real estate, etc. to see if anyone else is willing to join this committee
- d. Committee will report any findings at August 2019 board meeting

- E. Julia Sutter has reached out to multiple contractors for bids concerning the construction and plumbing work to be done this summer but has not heard back from any of them.

2019.6.12.02 Kim Bangerter moves to approve the bids from Wendlek Contracting as a general contractor and Christensen Plumbing. Sam Pierce seconds. The bids from Wendlek Contracting and Christensen Plumbing are approved by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

**Recorded by: Cara Nowak**

***Minutes approved at 8/14/19 Board Meeting***