



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
Desert Sky Montessori  
63645 Scenic Drive, Bend, OR 97701  
October 9, 2019

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

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

**Also present:** Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Jessica Loukonen, Heather Amaral, John Eskew

**OPEN FORUM**

**BUSINESS**

A. Approve September 2019 Minutes

2019.10.09.01 Cara Nowak moves to approve the minutes from September 2019. Kim Bangerter seconds. The minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

B. Business Director Report

- a. 9/18/2019 meeting with Unity partners Dan Pebbles and Dick Wolgamott: Partners talked about their vision for Unity's growth and DSM's growth
  - i. Sam Pierce stated that the partners want to form a Vision Board consisting of members of Unity and DSM to meet quarterly or more frequently to discuss how we could all grow together; Unity is envisioning a campus that we would all share—possibly with portable classrooms at the One World Center site—until we can find a permanent shared site
  - ii. We need to find out if there is space at OWC for all of the modular units we would require: Julia Sutter has meetings with the traffic and septic engineers to see if this is possible; 3 possible growth plans consisting of 1, 2, or 4 modular units, with 4 units and the entire school at OWC being the goal; approval of 1 modular unit would allow us to have a middle school while operating on the 2 current campuses; Julia Sutter thinks we will be ready to meet with DEQ to talk about the possibility of modular units in 6 weeks
  - iii. Kim Bangerter wants some clarity about where DSM is financially; he and Sam Pierce would like to have a budget vs actuals report made available to the board for each monthly meeting; Julia Sutter recently hired a temporary assistant to expedite catching up and will work toward having that information for the next board meeting

C. Head of School Report

- a. Children have done grade level literacy and math testing; Jodie Borgia has met with staff to go over DIBELS scores and Response to Intervention (RTI) plans where needed and is attempting to use the testing as a useful tool for growth
  - b. Kim Bangerter is curious about Jodie Borgia's vision for what she wants the school to be: an authentic Montessori school with a healthy waiting list because of the strength of our curriculum; she feels as though we need to have a Student Support/Curriculum Specialist on staff to help facilitate this
  - c. Jodie Borgia thinks there is a misconception in our community about how much money the school needs to fundraise in order to remain viable and thinks it would be helpful if the community/parent body had a skeleton budget available to them to help prompt involvement in raising the funds needed
- D. Sam Pierce and Jodie Borgia will put together an agenda for the proposed board retreat on 1/20/20
- E. Sam Pierce presented a rough draft of the middle school email to go out to DSM parents

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Recorded by: Cara Nowak**

***Minutes approved at 11/13/19 Board Meeting***