

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL (EPMS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 21, 2025

6:30pm-9:30pm

Location: 800 Hutchinson Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 PM (Directors Brennan, Buckner, Carson, L. Desautels, Dietrich, Hammons, Hernandez, Liskin, Mannion, and Womble)

1. MISSION STATEMENT- *The mission of the charter component of EPMS is to provide students with the opportunity to acquire an education based on an “authentic” and accredited curriculum founded on the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. We intend to promote an educational atmosphere that encourages socioeconomic and cultural diversity by providing all students with the opportunity to obtain a quality public education. Our aim is to equip each of our students with the skills, knowledge, and values to participate meaningfully in the pluralistic world of the 21st century.*

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT- *Eagle Peak Montessori School acknowledges that we currently occupy land which is Ohlone land. The Ohlone people are still here and are still active. The Ohlone people are made of several tribes. The land we are on specifically is that of The Confederated Villages of Lisjan. As they say, the land did not belong to them, they created reciprocal relationships with the plants and animals they shared this space with.*

These words are shared from the Boston Public Schools Land Acknowledgement:

“We acknowledge the sacred land where we work, live, learn, teach, and build community, has been a place where people have lived for over tens of thousands of years. We recognize that invaders have repeatedly violated the sovereignty, territory, and water of the original inhabitants of the land for over 400 years. We extend our respect to the citizens of these Nations who live here today, and their ancestors and all indigenous people. We also affirm that this acknowledgment is insufficient. It does not undo the harm that has been done and continues to be perpetuated against indigenous people, their land and water. We also acknowledge they are still here.”

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may address the EPMS board regarding any item within the board’s jurisdiction whether or not that item appears on the agenda.

- o Speakers may have 3 minutes each for a maximum total of thirty minutes public comment.
- o If more than 20 people wish to address the board, per person comment time for all speakers will be reduced to 2 min with a maximum total of one hour public comment.
- o Speakers may not concede their time to another.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dir. Hammons motioned to approve the 1/21/25 meeting agenda with the following correction: - Under Call to order add an “s” to Dir L. Desautels name

Dir Mannion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (10-0)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. It is expected that board members have reviewed these agenda items prior to meeting. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any member of the board and acted upon separately.

a. December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Dir Hammons motioned to approve minutes for the December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting with the corrections below:

- 6e- add the word approximately

Dir Carson seconded the motion. Motion passes (8-0-2) Dirs Brennan and Buckner abstained.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. AP Report

- No report presented

b. Staff Update

- New Math support teacher was hired to begin in February
 - Working on the school calendar- looking at balance between longer breaks vs more frequent breaks
 - Meeting with MDUSD regarding MOUs have been ongoing
 - Full staff day occurred at the beginning of the year was positive
 - Staff Holiday Party postponed and will be rescheduled
 - Lower Elementary- all field trips are going well
 - Lion Dance presentation on Friday for Lunar New Year
- c. Facilities Update
- No update given
- d. Treasurer's Update
- No change in forecast for 24-25 school year
 - Audited 2024 budget is now actual since audit has been approved
- e. CFEP Update
- P&L in December does not show Read-a-thon
 - There is a profit with the read-a-thon reflected in January
 - Donation is on par to expenses
 - TBD if CFEP will be able to cover Board ask from this year's fundraising
 - Auction planning is going well. Expected expenses will be lower. Online auction will also occur.
 - Dine & Donate tomorrow. Panda Express- can work at any location. Next week @ Tasty Schezuan and Gotts in February.
- f. Other Board Communications
- Form 700 - due on April 1st
 - Board Retreat scheduled for 3/29 @ 9:30am

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. The board will consider the matter of the 2024 School Accountability Report Card (SARC).
School Accountability takes data from state and district programs
Dir Mannion moves to adopt the 24-25 SARC. Dir Buckner seconded the motion. Motion approved (10-0)
- b. The board will consider the matter of the 2nd Interim.
Dir Brennan moves to approve the 2nd Interim Financial. Dir L. Desautels seconded the motion.
Motion approves (10-0)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dir. Hammons moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Dir. Mannion seconded. Motion passed (10-0)

NOTICES:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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.

Certification of Posting

I, Michelle Hammons, Member of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that this agenda was posted by January 17, 2025 at 6:00pm.

I, Rebecca Liskin, Secretary of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these Minutes were approved at the 2-18-2025 EPMS Board meeting.

Rebecca Liskin

Secretary EPMS Board of Directors