

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

February 18, 2025

6:30pm-9:30pm

Location: 800 Hutchinson Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 PM (Directors Brennan, Buckner, Desautels, Hammons, 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.

- Speakers may have 3 minutes each for a maximum total of thirty minutes public comment.
- 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.
- Speakers may not concede their time to another.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Dir. Hammons motioned to approve the 2/18/25 meeting agenda. Dir Brennan seconded. Motion passed unanimously (7-0)

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. January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Dir Mannion motioned to approve minutes for the January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting with the corrections below:

- 6e- bullet #4- change PTLG to CFEP
- Posting Date to be corrected to January 17, 2025

Dir Liskin seconded the motion. Motion passes (7-0)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. AP Report

- Crab Feed went well with 169 tickets sold
- Science Fair articles are being written and reviewed
- Love Letters are being completed based on the principals of MLK Jr.’s words of love
- Wednesday Market is going well
- Theater Arts- the play “As You Like It” to be presented on March 5th

- 3D printing- working on models
 - Researched the LA fires effects in Social Studies
 - Mapping World History
 - In Science focusing on Understanding Heredity
 - Next Cycle Hike #3 on 2/19/25
- b. Staff Update
- Parent Conferences and Observations are coming up
 - Lower Elementary teachers are collaborating really well
 - Great support and camaraderie with Upper Elementary teachers. Working to catalog state standards with Montessori curriculum
- c. Facilities Update
- Working with the district to comply with recommendations from the Fire Marshall
- d. Treasurer's Update
- Net income is projected to be slightly higher than 2nd interim
 - CFEP ask continues to reduce
 - ERC is submitted and is pending approval
 - Actuals are on par with budget
- e. CFEP Update
- AP Crab Feed shows potential net income compared to last year
 - Auction- Early Bird tickets are on sale now. Using SchoolAuction.net
 - Expenses are to be lower this year
 - Using Havana catering
 - Working on Walk-a-Thon for the spring
- f. Other Board Communications
- i. Form 700
 - ii. Board Retreat scheduled for 3/29 at 9:30am

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. The board will review the Mid Year Monitoring Goals, Actions, and Resources for the 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).
 - The midyear LCAP was presented and reviewed
- b. The board will consider the matter of the Eagle Peak Montessori Safety Plan.
 - Dir Mannion moves to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Dir Buckner seconded the motion. Motion approved (7-0).
- c. The board will consider the matter of the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.
 - Dir Manion moved to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. The academic school hours will run from 8:30-3:15pm 4 days a week for all students while Wednesday dismissal will remain at 1:15pm. Dir Desautels seconded the motion. Motion approved (7-0)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dir. Mannion moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Dir. Buckner seconded. Motion passed (7-0)

NOTICES:

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, March 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 Thursday February 13, 2025 at 6:00pm.

I, Rebecca Liskin, Secretary of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these Minutes were approved at the 3-18-2025 EPMS Board meeting.

Rebecca Liskin

Secretary EPMS Board of Directors