

UMCS Board Minutes – 12.10.2014

1. Call to Order 6:49 PM
 - Present: Bauer, Emerson, Harada, McAfee
2. Presentations:
 - Questions regarding # of upper elementary classrooms, hiring, site
3. Review of Action/Discussion Items
4. Board Member Comment
 - Harada requests that Appreciations be put back on the agenda
5. Finance Committee update
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - Approval of November minutes: Moved by Bauer; 2nd Emerson; all Aye
 - Review and update of UMCS board contract: Moved by Harada; 2nd Emerson; all Aye
 - Discussion and approval of board member candidate—MJ Kennedy –Moved by McAfee, 2nd Bauer; Harada abstained; all others Aye
 - Discussion and approval of board member candidate—Caryn Voskull – Moved by Harada--; 2nd Emerson; all aye
 - Discussion of Steven Bauer moving—he plans to come back for meetings despite moving to Texas—will not be here for January meeting. He will continue to work with the finance committee
7. Head of School Report

Head of School report to UMCS Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Facilities (Prop. 39) -
UMCS submitted a complete UMCS Prop. 39 application (2015-2016) that was delivered to OUSD Office of Charter Schools before the deadline (November 3). UMCS did not receive a notification from OUSD by the December 1 deadline (enrollment projections no longer subject to challenge by OUSD). UMCS will receive a preliminary offer from OUSD by February 1, 2015.

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Systematic ELD -
We began Systematic ELD (in UMCS charter) training today, targeting a soft launch in December and ongoing training. Systematic ELD instruction will begin school wide in January with ongoing PD to support EL lead teachers.

Reading Intervention program -
We have purchased a “guided reading” intervention program that we will launch in January. The UMCS ILT is

working on the implementation plan, including PD for reading intervention teachers.
The Fountas and Pinnell
intervention system will be used for students that performed <40% on the Fall reading
NWEA assessments.
Shift to Yoop.ly (behavior management and safety) -
We have moved to a new app based behavior management tool that will allow UMCS to
analyze behavior data in real
time. Teachers and administrators are documenting behavior incidents and injuries
using this new system.
2015-2016 Enrollment -
The 2015-2016 enrollment cycle is now open. Applications are available on our website
and at the school site. We
are also attending events in the community, head start programs, and pre-schools,
promoting UMCS. School tour
began this week. We have a total of 7 UMCS school tours scheduled prior to our
application deadline.
Staffing updates -
Emi Arai is hired as full time support in Wild Sage.
Nicole Sittre is hired as full time support in California Poppy.
Next Generation Learning Center grant and engagement – to help fund and support the
programs of our upper elementary
UMCS ILT is working on the NGLC planning grant that is due January 31, 2015. UMCS is
hosting two site visits -
NGLC Oakland on 01/22/2015.
NGLC National on 01/14/2015

Board Transparency Committee:

Term limits; attendance policy for board members; once a quarter school wide presentations of data; bylaw proposal to board—by March. # of board members 9+ 2. Do FAC bylaws require FAC board members to attend FAC meetings? Would there be a way to have a mandated Montessori seat on the board? There is a need for some kind of written policy for designating commitment to Montessorian on the board.

Academic Oversight Committee:

Has not met since last meeting. December 11 meeting cancelled due to storm and school being closed.

Board Development Committee

Search for new board members ongoing. Montessori background board members in the “hopper”

Adjourn: 8:19 PM