Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Board of Directors
Camino Montessori

The first meeting of the Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation of Camino Montessori, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, was held at 2118 E. La Donna Drive, Tempe, Arizona, on ***November 23, 2009***.

The following members were present, constituting the entire Board: Judy Webster, Kevin Webster, Marianne Mulligan, Alvaro Otalora, and Rebecca Brandon.

I. Dinner & orientation to Montessori education. Board members viewed a video produced by The Montessori Foundation. A discussion about Montessori philosophy, beliefs, and methods followed the video.

II. Following general orientation to Montessori, Judy reviewed the status of Camino Montessori

A. Why "Camino Montessori"?—Camino means 'the way', 'the path', 'the method' in Spanish. Like the Spanish name to connect with Hispanic culture in the area—we are in Arizona! Camino Montessori means 'the Montessori way'.

B. Currently, Judy is in partnership with Legacy Montessori (Maricopa) to establish Camino's campus in Maricopa.

1. Upcoming parent info meeting, 12/8/10, to share the Montessori vision for Maricopa. Intent is to get interest for elementary program in the area.

C. The Camino vision is to provide Montessori to students and families regardless of race, culture, ability, or socio-economic status. Maricopa would benefit from our program/school.

1. Hope to have the campus in easy access to "poverty & blight" designated area of town—'old Maricopa'
2. Hope to attract students from Hispanic & Native population—diversity.
3. Long term vision is to be bilingual—Spanish & English
4. Public funding currently only way to ensure Camino Montessori a free public option. ***Judy motioned to move forward with AZ charter application. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*** Will move forward with charter option—Current competition: Legacy Traditional (thru middle school) and Pathways Charter (thru elementary).

III. Judy reviewed corporate/business structure update

A. Attorney: Marc Schultz, Snell & Wilmer

B. Accountant: Brenda Blunt, CBIZ

C. Articles of Incorporation are completed and have been submitted to ACC

D. By-laws still need to be completed and filed

E. Still need to apply for 501(c)3 exemption status w/IRS—will work with CBIZ on this

F. Need to research banks and set up business account

G. Need to research email and website options

IV. Teacher recruitment

A. Judy will most likely teach for first several years

B. Johana may be interested in Montessori Primary credential

C. South Mtn. Comm. College has training program, and a possible grant for tuition assistance

V. Adjourned--Discussed schedule for future board meetings, and decided that, initially, we would meet on an as needed basis.