

Gloucester Montessori Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

10-29-15

Meeting 6:00-8:00

Attendees: Jessica Darling-Hendricks, Carlos Morales, Anna Morales, Michele Harrison, Wrenn Kibler, Wendi Anderson, Pat Landau, Michele Harrison, Marianne Burroughs for financial presentation

Approval of minutes

September 29, 2015, minutes approved. Motion made to accept by Wrenn Kibler. Seconded by Jennifer James. Motion carried

Reports and Updates

Bus Update

Discussion of more bus options and timing of purchasing

Financial Report

Financial aid package not ready to be presented yet, wording is still in draft stage.

Operating within budget, higher expenses for AC repair

Report of how much savings is available for projects vs desired projects including fence repair, bus, upper elementary teacher, elementary building addition, and already paid AC repair

Discussion of priorities and options

Looking into options for repair for fences, PTO was interested in this.

Motion made by Wrenn Kibler to allocate the money into second elementary teacher training to start training in January pending agreement from potential candidate; seconded by Carlos Morales.

Currently approximately \$10,000 is expected to be needed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carlos Morales to make the second financial priority the van/bus purchase with post haste. Anna Morales seconded. Motion carried.

Marketing committee update

First newsletter went out.

Facebook now has 3000+ hits due to field trips and video from Halloween party.

Blog addition discussed.

Possible upcoming visit from Consociate Media to Board to go over marketing material. We need some advice from them on how to write press releases for the Gazette Journal so that they are most likely to be a desirable insert.

PTO Report

Still need for someone to head up Bids for Kids. Discussion took place on theme ideas and locations and the Christmas parade.

PTO last weekend put on Halloween party

Nov. 5, 3:30 next meeting

Other items

Discussion of need to hold pictures in a central digital location to make a yearbook. Responsible party: Marketing committee

Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, Dec. 1 6:00-8:00 Location TBD

Adjournment motioned by: Carlos Morales. Seconded by Michele Harrison. Unanimous approval.