

Board Meeting minutes for 5-12-16

Members Present: Anna Morales, Wendi Anderson, Michele Harrison, Wrenn Kibler, Jessica Hendricks, Jennifer James, Pat Landau, Marianne Burroughs, Carlos Morales,

Program update: summer program, staff update, upper elementary plan

- No staff changes
- Staff development:
 - Carla is almost done, should graduate before fall.
 - Joan is working on her program with a 2 week residency planned this summer and distance learning classes for the next 1 ½ years.
- Upper elementary program Joan is in will support efforts in upper elementary
- Positive discipline classroom management planned for August for all staff.
 - Examples: connect before you correct
 - Possible expansion to parent community in the future
- Summer Camp 1 week July 11-15: theme-international games for children's house returning and rising 1st graders, possibly older non-Montessori 4-5 years old
- Fall plans upper elementary Joan will be primary instructor in AM in front room next to office, co-teaching with lower el in the afternoons
 - List of needs being formulated now as well as looking for ways to reshelv
 - A few larger materials will be beneficial and desired; one math material is about \$700, another is probably about \$1000
 - Wishlist will be ready for next meeting

Financial update

- Projected enrollment of 30 students for next year with projected profit of \$23,000 prior to putting budget items in for upper el.
- Bids for Kids \$17046.12 net profit. Increase of about 20% from last year. Last year \$492 per student. This year \$609 per student.

Board Function Questionnaire Self Assessment

- All items averaged 3-5 (3 neutral, 5 very much agree), some need for inservice on how to read financial reports and understanding some financial aspects of the program.

Nominating committee report

- Community member, alumni parent: Randy Fuentes
- Amy Patterson: current parent and alumni parent

Motion by Carlos Morales to invite these people to the Board slate. Michele Harrison seconded. Motion carried.

- Michele Harrison elects to rotate out.
- New ballot to be voted on at the picnic, May 26.

Policy for off hours use of school grounds

- Some parents have inquired. Facilities are primarily for student use during the school day or for school sponsored events. Birthday parties and other non-school events are not an approved activity.

Year-end family picnic on May 26

- Board slate
- Bids for kids reports
- Ideas for next year bids for kids and getting people on board to help starting right away.
- Upper el developments/plans
- What we have accomplished in our strategic plan
- So far anticipated enrollment and new students
- Some singing planned by the different houses
- Possible moving on out/up ceremony for those who are “graduating” from their programs (rising first graders, those leaving Montessori after having been in the program a long time, etc.)

Capital Campaign Messaging Not Ready to Announce Yet

- Need to know what we need to have to be able to start “building” by March or April. Marianne Burroughs will look into what the bank would preapprove us for based on current conditions.
- Carlos Morales will get an updated estimated cost
- Wendi Anderson and Pat Landau will visit a model home to visualize needs and possibilities
- What is the message? (discussion on this).

Next meeting Tues, June 21, 2016. Tentatively 6 pm.

Michele Harrison motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm. 2nd by Wrenn Kibler. Motion carried.