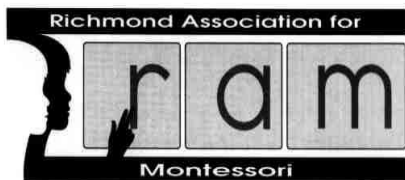


- Location:** McKinney Elementary on Thursday March 5th, 2015
- Present:** Yolanda Domingo (Co-Chair), Kanny Chow (Treasurer), Graham Barlow (Secretary), Ally Medweth, Tina Lau, Kushal Samy, Nick Bower, Angie Wilson, Jacqueline Ip, Tammy Ross, Alan Chuck
- Principals:** Allan Osadchy – (McKinney), Liz Taylor (Steves), Karen Lin (VP – Garden City)
- Welcome:** Yolanda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Teachers Ms. Kirstie Gourlay and Ms. Sarita Sahota provided a short demonstration on sentence analysis using Montessori materials.
- Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved (moved by Ally and seconded by Nick)
- Principal:** Alan Osadchy stated that FSA for grades 4 & 7 are done. Report cards will be out for all schools either this week or next. A new attendance program (My Ed BC) will be coming out about March 30th. The same program will eventually do report cards too. Track & Field (and DARE) will start after Spring Break.
- Parent information night:** Tentatively scheduled for April 9th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at McKinney. The topics covered will be materials, multi-age groupings, transition to high school (as there's no Montessori there). Child minding will be provided and the poster will go out ASAP, subject to confirmation on the date from all three schools.
- Fundraising:** The pub night had 52 attending and raised \$920.
- Treasurer:** Kanny said that there were some changes in the budget due to the increase in the teacher bursaries (to \$5 000) and the amount allotted for materials (now \$4 000 per school). We haven't spent any money on bursaries or materials yet this year. These are two of our major expenses.
- Missing materials orders from last year. Kanny has sent an email to the company who responded saying they have no record. Kanny has requested the credit card receipt from his bank. Once he receives the receipt then we can go back to the company.
 - Insurance. Kanny has completed the paperwork to cancel it. Once approved by the parent company we should get a partial refund.
 - Purchasing. Sheila Lau and the purchasing team can let each school know to order materials. Next year the materials will be ordered by each school through the school board.
- Teacher bursaries:** The teacher bursary program has been raised to \$5 000. Application forms have been sent out and the deadline is May 15th.
- Chair:** Yolanda said that we have about \$66 500 in our bank accounts. \$18 000 to \$20 000 is this year's budget to be spent. After discussion, the general agreement was that we should keep about two years budget in the bank. RAM has not yet made an announcement about the Richmond school board's decision to begin funding the Montessori program.



Yolanda has asked the school board to come up with an announcement and a letter of understanding (between RAM and the school board).

Next Meeting: May 28, 2015 (at Garden City)

Adjournment: 8:32 pm.