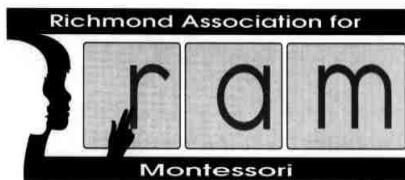


- Location:** Garden City Elementary on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Present:** Ally Medweth (Chair), Kanny Chow (Treasurer) Trish Jardine (RAM Liaison), Alana Yee (Fundraiser), Tina Lau, Cassandra Chang, Anita Fu, Maila Villafuerte, Kathy Cham, Natasha Mavis, Justine Ross, Yolanda Domingo, Angie Wilson, Ellen Leung, Tony Wang, Yinghua Zhuang, Gordon Feng, Nick Bower, Jacqueline Ma, Denny Ma, William Wong, Maria Ong, Madhu Kanwar, Puneet Bains, Phillip Yap, Danny Yee, Dan Yang, Grace Cheng, Eric Yung, Graham Barlow, Sara Campos, Simone Guo, April Tanzler, Faye Huang, Anita Pruksakamensuk, Alan Chuk, Tina Zhu, Alberta Uy, Sun Hung Uy, Yvonne Lee, Bonnie Jagpal, Gagan Jagpal.
- Principals:** Allan Osadchy – Principal (McKinney), Diane Steele – Principal (Garden City), Kirsten Wallace – Vice-Principal (Steves)
- Welcome:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and introductions were made.
- Minutes:** The minutes from the May 8 2014 meeting were reviewed. Alana motioned their approval and Trish seconded.
- Guest Speaker:** Kirsty Gourlay spoke about providing teacher education sessions to parents of children in the Montessori program, the importance of the multi-age grouping (=split classes) and the Montessori philosophy. The teachers at McKinney have offered to hold parent information sessions to provide some of this information to parents. They would like for parents, through RAM to provide them with information about what topics would be most helpful. They are willing to discuss format as the session(s) could be before a RAM meeting, or on a separate evening. RAM will discuss topics and format and get back to the teachers.
- Administration:** The principals reported on recent activities including:
- The upcoming 50 minute schedule (to provide teacher prep time)
  - School goals (each school has one)
- Chair:** Ally went through the following topics:
- Fundraising. Membership payments and the cash drive are the biggest fundraisers. Both of these fundraisers have raised less money each year.
  - All Montessori materials are provided without school board funding therefore lack of fundraising will result in fewer materials for the students.
  - Elections couldn't be held at the AGM in May due to lack of member turnout. Tonight's turnout was very good with about forty parents present.
- Treasurer** Kanny provided financial overview. Discussion about fundraising methods (most money comes from the families).
- Elections:**



Ally gave an overview of the positions required to be filled. Elections were held and resulted in the following:

Co-chairs – Danny Yee and Yolanda Domingo

Secretary – Graham Barlow

Treasurer – Kanny Chow

Purchasing – Sheila Lau, Sara Campos, Simone Guo, Cindy Uy Sun Hung,

Volunteer Coordinator – Tina Zhu and Bonnie Jagpal (Tammy Ross will help)

Materials receivers:

- Garden City - Gordon Feng, Tony Wang, Catherine Chan, Dan Yang, Maila Villafuerte, Katheryn Cham, Yinghua Zhuang, Sara Campos
- Manoah Steves – Connie Fung, April Wilson, Justine Ross, Deborah Hansson
- McKinney – Ileana Chen, Maria Ong, Madhu Kanwar, Alanah Yee, Ileana Chen

Fundraising – Ellen Leung, Natasha Mavis, Cassandra Chang, Tina Lau,

Webmaster – Yvonne Lee, Faye Huang, Jaqueline Ip, Carolyn Jiminez, (Danny Yu was the previous webmaster and will help as required).

Members at large – Alan Chuck (Garden City) and April Tanner (Steves)

RAM /PAC liaison – Nick Bower (Garden City), Kushal Samy (McKinney), Justine Ross (Steves)

**Next Meeting:** January, 2015 (exact date TBC)

**Adjournment:** 9 p.m.