

Location: McKinney Elementary School on Thursday May 26th, 2016

Present: Yolanda Domingo (Co-Chair), Danny Yee (Co-Chair), Kanny Chow (Treasurer), Tina Lau (Fundraising), Faye Huang (Webmaster), Jacqueline Ip (Social Media), Justine Ross (Steves RAM Liaison), Alana Yee, April Tanzler, Eldwin Wong, Liza Mae Villarin, Arnil Villarin

Principals: Allan Osadchy – Principal (McKinney), Diane Steele – Principal (Garden City), Liz Taylor – Principal (Steves), Braunwyn Thompson – Vice Principal (Steves)

Welcome: Danny Yee called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and introductions were made.

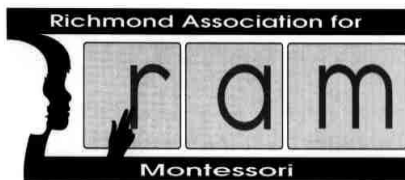
Minutes: The minutes from the April 14th meeting as well as the January 28th meeting (as they were not approved in the previous meeting) were reviewed, and approved (**moved by Danny and seconded by Kanny for the January 28th minutes, moved by Danny and seconded by Faye for the April 14th minutes, and approved and carried**).

Demonstration: Ms. Gourlay of McKinney demonstrated for those in attendance a tool that uses triangle geometry to display the types of triangles using sides of varying lengths.

Administration: The school administrators mentioned the following notable items:

- Schools took part in Innovation, where each school has projects using various skills and demonstrations, and are able to see what other schools are innovative in.
- Welcome to Kindergarten session to be held or held already.
- Schools had Bike to School week.
- McKinney is going through process about possible school closure, where trustees and superintendents visit each school to discuss and assess.
- Child placement taking place for all schools.
- Dates for next year (Pro-D days, breaks, etc.) are out.
- There are new administrators next year – Gregory Walters (principal at Steves), Susan Roy (principal at McKinney), and Harley Rollins (vice-principal at McKinney).

Treasurer: Kanny mentioned that other than bursary or funding requests and payments, not much has happened since the last meeting. A budget for the following year should be completed for the coming school year. Liz suggested that a new budget format could be developed that is simpler to see and interpret.



Featured Discussions:

Bursaries

The following applications were discussed and approved:

- By Monica Sood, \$1,258.35 for the remainder of the first year of the VSB/Vancouver Board of Education Montessori Credential Program (Yolanda moved, Danny seconded);
- Garden City Collaboration of five teachers for a full day for up to \$2,000 (Kanny moved, Danny seconded); and
- Dawn Lessoway, \$100 for registration in a Montessori conference in West Vancouver earlier this year (Danny moved, April seconded)

Given that this year was the first with the current bursary structure, a discussion about how to improve guidelines took place. Suggestions include:

- Creating a history list of bursaries by teacher;
- Having a limit per person for bursaries, but if there is money left over, can pay more;
- Separating bursary from collaboration, where bursary is individual and collaboration is a group.

RAM Execs

New executives for RAM for the coming year were elected, and are as follows:

- Chair: Danny Yee
- Co-chair: Yolanda Domingo
- Treasurer: Kanny Chow
- Secretary: April Tanzler
- Fundraising: Tina Lau
- Webmasters: Jacqueline Ip, Faye Huang
- PAC Liaisons: Justine Ross (Steves), Kanny Chow (Garden City)

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.