

## **Richmond Association for Montessori Meeting Minutes—to be approved at next RAM Meeting**

**Location:** McKinney Elementary School at 7pm Thursday, January 26, 2017

**Present:** Danny Yee (Chair) , Justine Ross (Meeting Minute Taker and RAM liaison Steves), Jacqueline Ip, Natasha Mavis, Reg and Ruby Sidhu, Yolanda Domingo.

**Absent with regrets:** April Tanzler (Secretary).

**School Administrators:** Harley Rollins- Vice Principal (McKinney), Susan Roy-Principal (McKinney).

**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 7pm.

### **Administration:**

- (McKinney)- Basketball going well, FSA Assessments, second term report cards due 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February, conferencing. RAM funds being used for collaboration time. McKinney received .5 of 1.7 million of extra funds given by BC government, hope to use it to fund more resource teachers.
- Half day collaboration with Steves and McKinney teachers, also a felting class. Montessori draw took place today- parents will be notified first week of February.
- Mrs. Steele has taken a long-term leave, Ms. Lisa Schultz is new principal at Garden City School.

### **RAM Reports:**

**Motion:** To approve the RAM meeting minutes of November 17, 2016. (Moved by Natasha, seconded by Justine, approved, motion carried).



- Thank you card received from Mrs. Wallace.
- Suggestion to upload a bursary application template on website.

### **Treasurer:**

- Financial report- refer to treasurer sheet report handed out in meeting.
- Danny Yee, Kanny Chow and Yolanda Domingo have signing authority for the RAM bank account. For security reasons, signatures from 2 members are required on all cheques.
- Suggestion made that budget and balance sheets be uploaded to RAM website for transparency reasons.

### **Fundraising:**

- Pub night planning still in the works; date and time TBD.

### **Additional Business:**

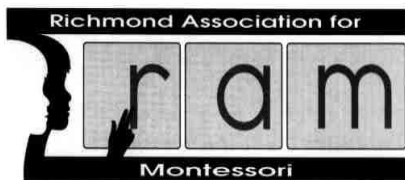
- Ms. Dawn Lessoway (Steves) submitted a letter asking for RAM to reimburse the felting materials towards a gift for McKinney teachers. Last meeting this was approved as a general expense.

**Motion: To approve the reimbursement of \$ 84.53 for felting materials to Ms. Dawn Lessoway. (Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Jaqueline Ip, approved, motion carried).**

- Ms. Monica Sood (Mc Kinney) requested reimbursement for \$2605 for Year 2 Credential Program.

**Motion: To approve the reimbursement of \$300.00 to Ms. Monica Sood. (Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Jacqueline Ip, approved, motion carried).**

- RAM has decided that March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 is the deadline for the final call for teachers to submit their applications.



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- Ms. Gondouvas (Steves) submitted application for Master's Program, AM 2 for \$ 11,000 USD (one year online program). Attending a workshop January 26 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No bill submitted. To put forth a motion with the understanding that the treasurer will communicate to Ms. Gondouvas and Ms. Sood that \$300 each teacher was preapproved as outlined in the budget and will let them know after the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 deadline if/ how much more can be contributed from left over funds.

**Motion: To approve reimbursement in the amount of \$300.00 to Ms. Gondouvas for Master's Program. (Motion moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Yolanda Domingo, approved, motion carried).**

**Next meeting: Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm, Garden City Elementary School.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.**