



Richmond Association for Montessori Meeting Minutes

Date | time February 21, 2018 | 7:03PM
Location Manoah Steves Elementary School
Meeting called to order by Danny Yee

In Attendance

Danny Yee (Chair), Rachelle Barretto (Secretary), Kanny Chow (Treasurer), Rika Motohashi (Fundraising), Allan Chuck (Garden City parent), and Angie Wilson (Steves parent).

School Administrator

Mr. Don Dixon, Interim Principal, Manoah Steves Elementary School

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from November 30, 2017 Meeting. Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Allan Chuck, motion carried.

Welcome and Introductions

The Board and principal are introduced.

Principal's Report

Principal Don Dixon presented his report on behalf of the Administrators

- Pink Shirt Day is coming up, however, we are promoting that every day should be Pink Shirt Day
- He noted that Richmond is very fortunate that many Montessori students stay in the program
- He noted that he would welcome requests of preferences regarding keeping siblings in the same or different classes

RAM Reports

Treasurer Report

- Refer to financial handout provided at meeting
- 2017-2018 Proposed budget
 - MOTION: To approve the 2017-2018 Proposed budget. Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Rika Motohashi, motion carried.
- Discussion started regarding how to partition/allocate RAM funds
 - Tabled until next meeting to have options to vote on at AGM

Additional Business

- Don Dixon suggested to liaise with different schools to promote spending of allocated budget for Montessori programs and teacher bursaries
- Danny Yee noted that previously discussed post-secondary scholarship would be a relatively easy process
 - Tabled for approval at AGM
- Danny Yee noted that RAM council needs to review RAM bylaws as wording had impeded approval of purchase of Montessori materials
 - Tabled until next meeting to have options to vote on at AGM
- Allan Chuck suggested that council look into Montessori software and/or applications to be purchased for computer lab
- It was suggested that council create Montessori promotional material or guide for parents who are thinking of sending their child to Montessori
- Don Dixon suggested looking for a speaker who could talk about stress and anxiety
- RAM council has been in discussion prior to meeting regarding having a lending library for parents, however, it was noted that these books are generally available at public libraries
- Rika Motohashi will look into Vancouver Art Gallery Montessori-g geared workshops
- It was discussed if we could provide the schools with Montessori catalogues so they can create a wishlist
- Rika Motohashi will look into setting up an email subscription service to distribute RAM meeting minutes and other announcements
 - Tabled until next meeting to have options to vote on at AGM
- Danny Yee notes that parents can email him at montessorisd38@gmail.com for any questions

Next Meeting

To be confirmed

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:12PM and was passed unanimously