



Richmond Association for Montessori Meeting Minutes

Date | time October 5, 2017 | 7:12PM
Location James McKinney Elementary School
Meeting called to order by Danny Yee

In Attendance

Danny Yee (Chair), April Tanzler (Secretary), Rachelle Barretto (Secretary in transition), Kanny Chow (Treasurer), Justine Ross (Steves RAM/PAC Liaison), Faye Huang (Webmaster), Tina Lau, Lisa Wangh, Rika Motohashi, Shirley Zhan, Jing Zhou

School Administrator

Ms. Susan Roy, Principal, James McKinney Elementary School
Mr. Harley Rollins, Vice Principal, James McKinney Elementary School

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from June 1, 2017 AGM. Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Justine Ross, motion carried

Welcome and Introductions

The Board, principal, vice principal, and guests introduced

- Demonstration by Ms. Gourlay with triangles material
 - She presented on how this material can be used to use an adjective to define something precisely which aids in language and speech development

Principal's Report

Principal Susan Roy presented her report on behalf of the Administrators

- McKinney opened an extra Kindergarten class this year, 5 Kindergarten class placements
- Collaboration activities in general may be more challenging to arrange due to a lack of TOC's
- All schools had their Meet the Teacher nights
- District wide challenges with meeting the requirements for class size and composition
- 3 Montessori teacher candidates
- District wide Pro-Day on October 20th, 2017

Treasurer Report

- Refer to financial handout provided at meeting
- CRA currently reviewing society revenues to extend status as charitable organization
- **MOTION:** To move remainder of 2016-2017 bursaries to a Miscellaneous fund with intention to use for parental education: \$3000 (as a one-time only for this year, 2017-2018 school year and to be assessed again for the following years). Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Kanny Chow, motion carried
 - Suggestions from the participants in the meeting included getting speakers to discuss how to support Montessori students with their learning at home and to look at hosting another Montessori math information night (this was at McKinney a few years ago)
 - To ask Montessori teachers for suggestions for speakers to attend parent info night
- **The group discussed** starting a hardship contingency to support families needing assistance with paying membership
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Suggestion to add a Montessori Project fund specific for students to go on a Montessori curriculum-specific field trip or to invite a speaker to Montessori classrooms
- Will wait until December to approve budget as needs to be refined by treasurer for next meeting due to new business

Secretary Report

- April Tanzler filed the online annual report with BC Societies on June 27, 2017. April has given the RAM binder from Tammy Ross to Danny Yee, RAM Chair.
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Fundraising Committee

- Tina, Rika and Natasha volunteered to be the Fundraising Committee

RAM/PAC Liaisons

- RAM/ PAC liaisons not much to update at present
- Kanny reported that the Garden City Grade 5 and 6 students are going to camp and family photo night coming up
- A call for nominations will be made at the next RAM meeting to fill the RAM/PAC liaison position for McKinney

Additional Business

- Danny to seek legal advice regarding change in BC Societies Act, however, change may not apply to our society as we collect membership donations

Membership

- **MOTION:** To decrease membership from \$75 to \$50, as well as decrease the minimum donation requirement for tax receipt purposes (subject to review with CRA, BC Societies, and previous RAM Chair). Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Justine Ross, motion carried
- Suggestion to further explain meaning of membership during next membership rally
- April Tanzler suggested that the RAM Executive needs to look at revising the mandate of RAM given the new changes over the last few years

Next Meeting

To be confirmed. Either Thursday, December 7, 2017 or Thursday, December 14, 2017

Garden City Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30PM and was passed unanimously