

Association for Montessori *Meeting Minutes*

Date | april 11, 2019 | 7:05PM Location Garden City Elementary School Meeting called to order by Jacqueline Ip

In Attendance

Kushal Samy - Mckinney (secretary), Jacqueline Ip- Mckinney (co-chair), Rachelle Barretto- Steves (Treasurer), Rika Motohushi - Steves, Faye Huang - Steves, April Tanzler

School Administrator

Ms Lesa Schulz, Principal, Garden City Elementary School Mr Doug Park, Vice Principal, Garden City

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Report

Principal Lesa shared the following:

- busy with kindergarten intake
- Reminder about Math Night at McKinney on April 25

Minutes circulated and accepted with the one edit required.

RAM Reports

Treasurer Report

- Rachelle circulated and reviewed financial reports
- Account balances were reviewed
- Casino account has been inactive for many years and is now closed
- Current Bank Balance total \$23kin GIC plus \$32kin operating account and raffle amount balance unchanged



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Open Issues and New Business

Fundraiser Update

- Kids Night Out at Kidtropolis sold 42 tickets and we netted close to \$200
- Eventbrite was used to sell tickets and it is worked well so we will use for future events
- Attendee discussed pros and cons of event and how to attract more participants
- Jacqueline to look into scheduling a second event in early June

Montessori Math Night

- Scheduled for 6:30pm April 25 at McKinney
- Notices have been sent
- We will provide pizza for volunteers
- Child minding is available
- Need 2 TOC for .5 or .6 days so 2 teachers can plan the night
- Evening will start with a presentation by teachers, followed by 1 or 2 high school student, possibly have a Steveston London math teacher. Stations will be set up for parents to interact with materials

Scholarship program

- We will offer 1x \$500 Scholarship with the following criteria
 - Students must have attended Montessori at Mckinney, Steves or Garden City from at least grades 4-7;
 - Student must submit scholastics profile (grades) and 500 word essay on how Montessori has impacted his/her high school learning.
- We will form a committee to read the review submissions and select recipient(s) for this year

RAM Montessori Subsidy per school (spending update)

- Mckinney has submitted their request for \$4725
- Garden city and Steves are working on their lists

New Business

• Two resignations Danny and Rachelle will be stepping down at the end of the year.



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- Treasurer reports are now automated. There is a PAC treasurer training session held by the district at the beginning of the year.
- Jacqueline will take a few minutes at Math night to seek volunteers on executive positions.

Bursary Application Reviews:

- Bursary Applications M. Sood has been approved for \$1500 for 2018/2019.
 \$300 has pre-approved and issued, she will receive a cheque for the remaining \$1200. In addition, RAM will sponsor \$1500 for the course in 2017/2018 year as a one-time exception due to the following reasons:
 - We have room in our Bursary budget this year;
 - She did not submit an application during the 2017/2018 budget year due to some confusion around the deadline for submissions on the application form. Instead, two forms were submitted this fiscal year for her two years of courses.
- Bursary Form needs to be updated to clarify the qualification period and posted online so that the most up to date version is always available to teachers. Proof of registration is required. Kushal to update.

Next Meetings

Jun 6, 2019 at 7:00PM - Steves (AGM)

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:55PM and was passed unanimously.