



Association for Montessori Meeting Minutes

Date | Jun 6, 2019 | 7:06PM

Location Manoah Steves Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Jacqueline Ip

In Attendance

Jacqueline Ip- Mckinney (Co-chair, McKinney parent), Rachelle Barretto (Treasurer, Steves parent), Rika Motohashi (Fundraising, Steves parent), Alan Chuck (Garden City parent), Fiona Yuen (Steves parent), Aliaa Elkhashab (Steves parent), Doris Lin (Steves parent), Daphne Yen (Steves parent)

School Administrators

Mr. Gordon Fitt, Principal, Manoah Steves Elementary School

Ms. Mika Livingston, Vice Principal, Manoah Steves Elementary School

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Report

Aligning of meaning of public Montessori program discussion ongoing

- 2 weeks ago, school district released staff to initiate discussion to align programs between the three different schools
- Goal to develop a pamphlet that describes core values of Montessori program within BC Curriculum (ideally ready by September 2019)
- Draft of pamphlet will be forwarded to RAM for feedback

Steves Montessori program moving to Grauer

- Patricia Patrick, Montessori consultant, brought into Steves and then to Grauer to rejuvenate ideas on how to setup a Montessori classroom

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Last meeting's minutes circulated and approved.

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda circulated and accepted.



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RAM Reports

Chair AGM Report

- \$5000 commitment to subsidize each school with Montessori supplies and furniture (after \$4500 from school board funding has been used)
- Primary funding comes from cash drive (donations and membership fees) (\$12615 this year)
- Fundraising with Kidtropolis night out (\$185 income)
- \$500 scholarship opened to Grade 12 students who went through public Montessori program prior
- Math Night at McKinney (parent education) organised where Montessori teachers presented and students showcased Montessori math materials

Treasurer Report and Budget Discussion

- Rachelle circulated and reviewed financial reports
- Account balances were reviewed
- Current Bank Balance total \$23k in GIC plus \$24k in operating account and raffle amount balance unchanged
 - Waiting for Garden City to submit their receipts for Montessori materials
 - Steves and McKinney have submitted their receipts
- Keep budget the same from this school year to next school year
Moved, seconded, and approved

Open Issues and New Business

Scholarship Program

- Application form being circulated in secondary schools

Teacher Bursary Program

- Draft of updated bursary application form presented to further define cut off dates

Fundraiser

- Jacqueline to look into scheduling a second Kidtropolis Night Out event in June or defer to Fall

RAM Constitution Review

- Jacqueline read Constitution that was filed with BC Societies
- MOTION: No change



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Email Distribution Lists

- Alan Chuck notes that he has not been receiving notifications of upcoming meeting minutes
- Mr. Fitt suggests to go through school admin assistants to send email notices as they are able to send them according to whole school, by division, or by program (i.e., Montessori program)
 - Email to administrators with admin assistant copied with email that RAM would like circulated
 - Jacqueline to reach out to Garden City and McKinney administrators

Retirement and Election of Executive Committee

Jacqueline Ip dissolved the current RAM executives and a call for nominations resulted in the following executives nominated and elected for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Co-Chair: Jacqueline Ip
- Co-Chair: Rika Motohashi
- Treasurer: Daphne Yen
- Secretary: Aliaa Elkhashab
- Social Media: Jacqueline Ip
- Webmaster: Faye Huang
- Steves Fundraising Committee: Winnie Ng, Lydia Liu
- Steves RAM-PAC Liaison: Justine Ross
- Members at Large: Fiona Yuen, Doris Lin, Alan Chuck

Danny Yee (co-chair), Kushal Samy (secretary), and Rachelle Barretto (treasurer) have submitted resignation from RAM.

A call for nominations will be made at the next RAM meeting to fill the following RAM positions:

- McKinney Fundraising Committee
- Garden City Fundraising Committee
- Garden City RAM-PAC Liaison
- McKinney RAM-PAC Liaison

Set Meeting Schedule for School Year 2018-2019

Jacqueline surveyed if Tuesdays or Thursdays are better for members.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:42PM and was passed unanimously.