



## Association for Montessori Meeting Minutes

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*Date | Nov 19, 2019 | 7:01PM*

*Location Garden City Elementary School*

*Meeting called to order by Jacqueline Ip*

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### In Attendance

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Jacqueline Ip- McKinney (Chair, McKinney parent), Daphne Yen (Treasurer, Steves parent), Aliaa Elkhashab (Secretary, Steves parent), Lydia Liu (Steves Fundraising Committee), Winnie Ng (Steves Fundraising Committee), Fiona Yuen (Steves parent), Iris Lee (Garden City parent), Lisa Wang (Garden City parent), and Doris Lin (Steves parent).

### School Administrators

Ms. L. Schulz, Principal, Garden City Elementary School

Mr. D Park, Vice Principal, Garden City Elementary School

### Welcome and Round Table Introductions

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### Principal's Report

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Garden City Elementary Principle attended on behalf of the 3 Montessori schools

- Ms. Schulz introduced Ms. Kelly Johnson, Teacher Librarian at Garden City Elementary, to give us a presentation on how the Library can support Montessori program students.
- McKinney Elementary to host Parent Education Night in February however, the day hasn't been decided yet.
- Garden City School teachers are busy preparing for Teacher/Parents conference.
- Garden City School dedicated \$1000 for books to support the Montessori Library.
- Still waiting for Garden City to submit their receipts for Montessori materials to close the books.

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### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

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Meeting's minutes circulated and approved.

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### Adoption of Agenda

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Agenda circulated and accepted.



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### RAM Reports

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#### Chair Report

- Jacqueline asked Ms. Kelly, Teacher Librarian at Garden City, if she can share the PowerPoint slides.
- Discussion regarding the e-portfolio (online report card) and whether all teachers are employing it.

#### Treasurer Report

- Daphne Yen gave us an update on RAM financial status.
- Fundraising Kids Night Out: Total deposit from Eventbrite was \$1100. Approximately, \$700 to Kidtropolis and \$340 were generated to RAM.
- Total received from Cash Drive was \$9850 including: \$6450 Membership fees and \$3400 Donations.
- A total of 87 families participate in Cash Drive; 84 families were eligible for the Costco Gift Card Draw.
- Waiting for Garden City to submit their receipts of \$4000. The order has been opened since August and need to be closed.

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### Open Issues and New Business

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#### Garden City Librarian Presentation and discussion

- Ms. Kelly's presentation was approximately 15 minutes.
- Topics covered included: What is the Montessori Education? What skills do kids need today (children as the centre of education) and how can we get children ready for the future (resilience, curiosity and growth)? How can we foster this (getting children ready for the future)? And how can parents get involved?
- Ms. Kelly also discussed the new shift in the way libraries function: access to information 24/7 through the database; innovative programs; libraries now act as an open flexible shared space where kids can come to work and learn independently; and the 3D printer projects.

#### Scholarship Program

- Rika contacted David Parker and followed-up regarding the \$500 student scholarship.

#### Teacher Bursary Program

- Bursary applications were not received yet.



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### Fundraiser

- Winnie Ng explored possible fundraising options/ ideas:
- 365 Days Fun for Kids:
  - Total cost is \$1260 (\$1200/ 2 hours \* 5% Tax) with a total capacity of 40 kids and 40 adults.
  - The cost covers the whole facility after business hours from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
  - Tickets selling price is \$35 per child (breakeven price is \$31.50 /child), thus RAM profit will be \$140 for the night.
  - Overall not an ideal option.
- Clip 'N Climb:
  - Offers fundraising event 50/50. Prices on the website are \$23 per child, thus \$11.50 for Clip 'N Climb and \$11.50 for RAM.
  - Can book directly on their website with a maximum capacity of 30 persons per 60 min session (Time TBA).
  - Suggestion to select a day prior to Professional Development Day.
  - Winnie to check: availability on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm or 7pm; age restrictions, if guardians are required to be there, as well as start and setup a RAM account.
  - Date set up as February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5-6pm, tickets set at \$23 per person.
- Cineplex:
  - Adults: Tickets cost is \$9.76 based on 50 Tickets (\$9+Tax+PF).
    - Tickets selling price \$13, RAM potential profit is \$162 .
  - Children under 13: Ticket cost is \$13.25 based on 25 kids.
    - This price includes a drink, popcorn, treat and admission.
    - Tickets selling price is \$16, RAM potential profit is \$69.25.
  - Involves handling money for group booking/ payment.
  - Overall not an ideal option.
- Jacqueline Ip also discussed other fundraising options including Mabel's Labels and FlipGive
  - Jacqueline posted Mabel's Labels, the personalized stickers, on Facebook. By visiting the website click on "Support a Fundraiser" and type RAM.
  - FlipGive, opens up a whole online shopping community by clicking to the stores after logging into FlipGive. By shopping online a % of your



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purchases goes to RAM. There are lots of merchants including Starbucks e-card, Indigo, Old Navy, etc.

- Will run all year long, our proceeds can only be collected once reached \$100 threshold.
- RAM can also benefit from referral, so if you have a Hockey Club or any other organization interested in fundraising with FlipGive, sign up under RAM and together we can benefit from referral.
- Mabel's Labels and FlipGive fundraising options were mentioned in the RAM newsletter, hoping that more people will use them during the holiday season.

### Parents Education Night

- McKinney to host Parent Education Night in February. Date to be set by next meeting.

### E-Portfolio

- Jacqueline Ip opened a discussion about the e-portfolio (online report card) and whether all teachers are employing it.
- Ms. Schulz mentioned that 33 schools are participating in it. You can regularly check your child activities as teachers upload them to their portfolio. It has been an ongoing learning process for teachers. Teachers meet to discuss what worked for them and what didn't as well as share their learnings.
- Iris Lee added that it's a bit challenging but overall more valuable and meaningful over the long run.

### Costco Gift Card

- Eighty four families were eligible for the draw. Jacqueline went live on Facebook and drew a number: the Chuang family from Steves was the lucky winner! The family will be contacted and gift card will be available.

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### Next Meeting

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Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05PM and was passed unanimously. Next meeting January 28th 7pm at Monoah Steves.