

Richmond Association for Montessori Annual General Meeting Minutes—to be approved at next RAM Meeting

Location: Manoah Steves Elementary School, 7pm, Thursday, June 1st, 2017

Present: Danny Yee (Chair) April Tanzler (Secretary) Kanny Chow (Treasurer) Justine Ross (Steve's RAM/ PAC Liaison), Yolanda Domingo, Jordan and Lisa Wangh, Jody Natsuhara and Rachelle Barretto.

Absent with regrets: Jacqueline Ip and Faye Huang, Tina Lau.

School Administrator: Mr. Gregory Walters, Principal, Manoah Steves

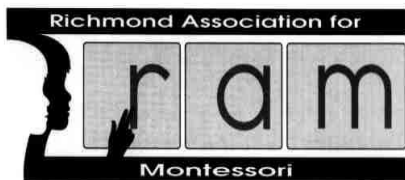
Call to Order: 7:10pm.

Welcome and Introductions

Motion: To approve the Richmond Association for Montessori (RAM) meeting minutes of April 6th, 2017. Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Justine Ross, motion carried.

Administration:

- Richmond Montessori school administrators completed a site visit at Eagle Harbour Montessori public school on April 25th, 2017. Generated ideas on how to incorporate some of the key features such as “action spaces.”
- BC Montessori Conference in Surrey on October 20th, 2017. For teachers and teacher candidates. Registration fees are on the website. Suggestion was made by Yolanda Domingo to post on RAM website.
- Framework for enhancing student learning- will be posted online what focus each school has and what's unique about that school.
- Steves – Working on bringing Montessori and neighborhood program students together- had brainstorming session with students, some of their ideas included going to camp together, field trips and playing games.



RAM Reports:

Chair:

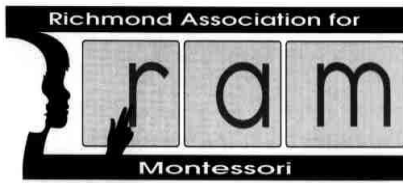
- Danny provided an overview of the last meeting as there were parents of new Montessori students in attendance. It was noted that there were no fundraising events this year other than the membership drive.

Treasurer: Refer to financial handout provided at meeting.

- There is money left over from this year's budget to be spent despite the final call for bursaries at the last RAM meeting.
- Received correspondence from Ms. Mary Bowman from Manoah Steves requesting reimbursement for the Foundations Course for the amount of \$622.45. As this application was received after the deadline RAM will approve up to the yearly maximum of \$1,000 for year 1 of a Montessori program. **Please refer to the memo of January 30th, 2017 regarding changes to the Bursary Approval Process.**

Motion: To approve the reimbursement of \$ 622.45 to Ms. Mary Bowman for the Foundations Course. Moved by Danny Yee, seconded by Yolanda Domingo, motion carried.

- Remaining amount of \$2600.00 in the 2016/2017 budget that was not spent. It was decided to roll this amount over to the 2017/2018 school year budget.
- **Discussion:** Mr. Walters suggested that RAM consider funding parents for RAM education opportunities. In addition, due to the changes with class composition Garden City will have an extra Montessori class added and that RAM may want to consider supporting that additional classroom with materials above what the school district provides.
- Yolanda Domingo suggested that RAM send out a reminder email towards end of school year if money left over in budget to school administrators so the message can be passed on further to teachers. RAM is a registered charitable organization and we need to be cautious about how much money we keep in contingency fund.



Additional business:

- Jody Natsuhara (Steves) advised RAM of RDPA Dinner for school executives on June 6th, 2017.
- Ms. Bowman (Steves) is retiring. Ms. Thompson, Vice Principal of Manoa Steves is leaving and will be going to Lord Byng. Ms. Diane Steele, former principal at Garden City remains on leave and Yolanda Domingo is leaving RAM as her children will be moving schools. A big thank you to all. RAM to arrange gifts of appreciation for those above.
- Yolanda Domingo has not received the RAM binder from Tammy Ross. This binder has the annual filing for RAM to maintain its' charitable organization status that needs to be filed 30 days from the AGM. April Tanzler will contact Tammy Ross and follow up.
- April Tanzler has submitted resignation as Secretary for RAM, however, willing to stay on if no other member elected into the position.

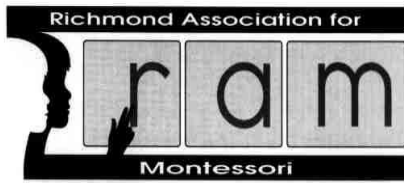
New Business:

Danny Yee dissolved the current RAM executives and a call for nominations resulted in the following executives nominated and elected for the 2017/2018 school year:

Danny Yee	Chair
Jacqueline Ip	Vice Chair
April Tanzler	Secretary
Rachelle Barretto	Secretary in transition
Kanny Chow	Treasurer
Justine Ross	RAM / PAC liaison Steves
Kanny Chow	RAM/ PAC liaison Garden City
Faye Huang	Webmaster

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

Fundraising (2 to 3 members) and RAM/PAC liaison for McKinney.



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- The RAM Executives plan to meet in the summer prior to the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year for planning purposes.
- A brief question and answer period was offered to parents of new Montessori students attending in September 2017.

Adjourned: 8:47 pm

Next Meeting: Yet to be confirmed, Thursday September 28th, 2017 or Thursday, October 5th, 2017 at Mc Kinney Elementary School.