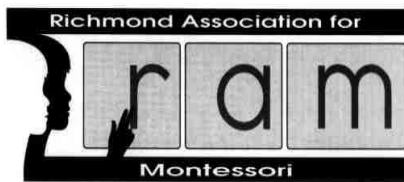


- Location:** McKinney Elementary on Wednesday, November 25th, 2015
- Present:** Yolanda Domingo (Co-Chair), Kanny Chow (Treasurer), Graham Barlow (Secretary), Tina Lau, Kushal Samy, Justine Ross, Purweet Bains, Grace Wong, Ellen Sin, Patick Leung, Natasha Mavis, Cassandra Chang, Grace Cheng
- Principals:** Allan Osadchy – (McKinney)
- Welcome:** Yolanda called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Teacher Kirstie Gourlay demonstrated some of the new Montessori materials.
- Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved (moved by Graham and seconded by Natasha)
- Principal:** Alan Osadchy stated kindergarten registration is taking place at schools until Nov. 30th then at the school board until May 30th. Each school now has an “Erase Bullying” program. The new school curriculum will mean two more Pro-D days (January 29th and May 2nd) so teachers can prepare. Many teachers are already incorporating aspects of the new curriculum and it will be in full use next year. Problems with the computer program could delay report cards but they should be out by December 11th. McKinney won \$1000 for “We Sparkle” green initiative. There were eight schools in the contest.
- Lin Archer (District Superintendent) met with principals about the funding provided by the school board (\$4000 per school) for Montessori materials. Once purchased all materials will be property of the school board. RAM doesn't have input into how the schools spend school board funds (if a school doesn't spend all its allocated funding one year then the unspent remainder will roll over to the following year). RAM could help the Montessori program by funding furniture, laminating film and collaborative time for teachers.
- Chair** The communication (email) signup sheet sent out with the membership drive has resulted in only a 20% of parents signing up. Graham will put together a distribution list. A donation reminder will be sent out prior to the end of the tax year. Alan pointed out that the new McKinney website will have direct links to PAC and RAM.
- Three teachers (from McKinney) attended a Montessori conference and have applied for a reimbursement of \$100 each (bursary program). (moved by Kanny and seconded by Kushal) Teachers can apply to be pre-approved for bursaries. There was some discussion about how to set criteria and deadline guidelines. With the school district now funding materials more RAM funding could be directed to teacher training.
- Fundraising:** Natasha mentioned that the pub night may have to reschedule as O'Hare's no longer offers the meal deal.
- Treasurer:** Kanny presented the report from the treasurer and the profit & loss sheet. Membership funds and donations just received are not on the reports.
- PAC Liaison updates:**



- **McKinney** (Kushal) The new library is open (we met in the library and it looks great). The new playground is in use. Fundraisers include; McKinney spirit wear, Purdy's chocolates, clothing drive, movie night and the first pizza day (more to follow).
- **Garden City** (Grace Chong) Fundraisers include; Entertainment book (slightly lower profit from the company), family photo night (raised \$600), movie nights and an appetizer & desert fundraiser. Circus training for each classroom is coming and some students will do a demonstration for parents. The Winter Wonderland ice skate will be on December 11th.
- **Steves** Fundraisers include; popcorn sales, Entertainment books, Winter Wonderland ice skate, movie night, Purdy's chocolates, QSP magazine orders and a pizza lunch every second week (biggest fundraiser).

Early bird draw The membership and cash drive \$150 Costco gift card prize was won by Eason Dong of Garden City and his family.

Next Meeting: January 28th 2016 (at Garden City)

Adjournment: 8:15 pm.