

New Westminster Montessori Board Meeting

January 25, 2017 (6:35 start)

Members in attendance: Monique, Meagan, Ross, Claudine, Natascha, Lia, Josephreen

I Approval of Agenda Minutes

- 1) November meeting minutes approved by Natascha, seconded by Lia
- 2) January Agenda approved by Natascha, seconded by Claudine

II Guests - N/A

III Action Items

- A) Website on hold
 - Meagan is currently editing website. Should be up and running by end of March.
 - Paypal will be set up and accessible on website once website is ready.
 - Headshots received for all McBride teachers. Connaught teachers need to hand in headshots.
- B) Angels of Anxiety approved by group
 - Ross contacted Petrina who agreed to reach out to all parents (not just Montessori parents) to invite them to the presentation. She will organize with the school via Jen Richter.
 - Ross will contact Petrina to proceed.
- C) List of Montessori teachers
 - List of teachers has been compiled. Some changes are required; Ross will revise the list.
- D) Donations
 - Some parents haven't received receipts for donations yet.
 - Ross to coordinate w. Satinder sending out receipts to those who need them.

IV Agenda Topic

- 1) Treasurer report
 - Satinder absent; no treasurer report
- 2) Purchasers report
 - a) Sara Fox made a request for a reimbursement. Natascha contacted her to ask her for more details, waiting on reply.
 - b) We are waiting to hear from Ms. Kim regarding laptop purchases.
 - c) 30 USBs were donated to Krishna Sharma.
- 3) Website
 - a) Lia will do a Happy New Year newsletter and give an update on the donations. Newsletter will be sent out prior to AGM.

- 4) Fundraising
 - a) We made \$885.00 in cookie sales!
 - b) Ideas for future fundraising: selling fruit, seeds, flowers, tea (David's tea, Great Wall Tea, etc.). Emma Lea Farms in Ladner do activities for school kids. Raffle for Easter basket. Having kids sell something at lunch time such as potted daffodils. Fall carnival.
 - c) Jo, Monique and Claudine to meet and discuss the fall carnival

V New Items

- 1) AGM next month
 - Current members and parents should consider whether they want to be on the board.
 - Invite Belinda and both McBride, Connaught teachers to attend the AGM. Connaught teachers could discuss the benefits of having Montessori on the west side all at one school.
 - Lia/Meghan to promote upcoming AGM on facebook.
- 2) Next newsletter
 - On the website there will be a section describing Montessori materials currently being used in the classrooms.
 - Newsletter will give an update on donations and talk about the upcoming AGM, thank parents for supporting cookie sales and talk about welcome back carnival scheduled for Sept. 23, 2017.
- 3) Claudine to submit photo to Meagan for website.
- 4) The board will get a small gift to Katherine as she has left her position as vice president (on maternity leave).
- 5) General comments about Montessori middle school
 - Members felt we should start informing parents of children in primary grades about the benefit of the Montessori model. We could try to share Facebook posts from local Montessori middle school programs. Start this process at kindergarten orientation; society member can be present to answer parent questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.