

New Westminster Montessori Board Meeting

November 30, 2016 (6:35 start)

Members in attendance: Monique, Meagan, Ross, Claudine

I Approval of Agenda Minutes

- 1) October meeting minutes approved by Meagan, seconded by Ross
- 2) Agenda approved by Monique, seconded by Meagan

II Guests - Kathleen Chad

- 1) Kathleen Chad (new principal at McBride) was invited to the meeting to introduce herself, learn more about the Montessori Society and meet members.
 - a. Previously Ms Chad was the Vice Principle at New Westminster High School and in charge of special programming.
 - b. Prior to this she worked at Lord Tweedsmuir as a resource teacher working primarily with Grade K-3 students.
 - c. Areas of special interest for her include project based learning to engage primary kids with learning challenges including behavioral challenges.

III Action Items

- A) Lia will take over the website as Kathleen is on maternity leave. The website will be ready to launch soon. We are still waiting to get information from Connaught teachers to add to the website. The PayPal account is currently being set up and will likely be running by Christmas or New Year.
- B) The developer of the website, Rob Bloor, will not be able to accept corporate donations because they are able to receive a tax deduction for the creation of the site as they are getting a tax deduction in the form of continuing to deduct labour expenses for staff's time to work on the website. Rob would like to include the footer "Developed by..." on the website. Ross will email members this request.
- C) 'Angels of Anxiety' would like to do a free information session. We need to get 50% of society to agree. Ross to email the group again to try and get 50% consensus.
- D) Cookie drop off is next Tues. Ross to email teachers at McBride and Connaught tomorrow to remind them of drop off time.

IV Agenda Topic

- 1) Treasurer report – Satinder absent so no treasurer report
- 2) Purchasers report – Natasha absent so no purchaser report

- 3) Fundraising
 - a) Some donations have been received recently: \$500-600 for cookies. So far this year \$6,900 raised.
 - b) Telus will match donations made to the Montessori Society. Monique to look into this in the New Year.
 - c) Comment – we should try to coordinate our fundraising with the PACs at McBride and Connaught so they don't overlap. Having a conversation with both PACs should resolve this.
 - d) Suggestion - on the website and Facebook page, we can highlight materials that have been purchased by instructors to let the parents know where the fundraised money is going. Lia to draft post for Facebook.

V New Items

- 1) Next newsletter will be paper based. Once updated list collected, website will have newsletter.
- 2) Claudine and Natascha to send headshot pictures for website.
- 3) Our AGM will be held in February. Positions that need filling this year are;
 - a. Purchaser (Natasha is leaving)
 - b. Vice president (Katherine has left)

If people are considering being a board member, please let the board know. We should also try to recruit new members.

- 4) Fundraising: Discussion about Sept 2017 being good time to plan for fall carnival. Lower Hume would be best venue for end of Sept. Monique, Jo and Claudine to organize venue and book.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.