

Board of Directors

December 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Alison Downey, Sue Carr, Jodi Schmitt, Sara Jorgensen, Margo Duffy, Julie Tokheim, Jessica Carlson, Katy Kaufman, Maureen Treichel

Call to Order: Alison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of November minutes: N/A (Minutes from November meeting have not been made available yet.)

Director's Report

The Fired Up Pottery Fundraiser was a great success, raising \$636 for MGNS and requiring minimal amount of work other than sending out reminders in brown bags and via email. The Board voted unanimously to add this fundraising event to the school calendar for next November, tentatively for the last Sunday in November, and this event will be managed by the Incoming Fundraiser each year.

Class numbers are the same as last month. We have opened up an additional Thursday Toddler Time class and it now has 5 kids in it.

We are promoting Lunch Bunch by sending out fliers in brown bags describing some of the fun and enriching aspects of the program, and are offering a discount for parents who sign up for second semester before December 15th.

The Kindergarten Committee is indefinitely on hold. The reasons for this are that MMSD does not automatically admit children to first grade unless they've attended full day kindergarten, and the high costs to parents of a private full day kindergarten.

President

The Garden Committee is compiling a list of materials needed for phase 1 of the project—cedar boards, tools, and soil. Once the full list is compiled, we will ask parents for donations of these materials, and purchase the rest. The Board voted unanimously to allocate the funds from the Fired Up fundraiser (\$636) to the Garden project.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following items regarding the 2015-16 schedule:

1. The Tuesday/Thursday afternoon preschool class schedule will remain in place;
2. 8:40 am start time for the morning 4K class, in order to build in a snow day and to reduce congestion in the hallways in the morning;
3. 12:40 pm start time for the afternoon 4K class; for the same

reasons;

4. MGNS classes will be in session on the last Friday in October;
5. MGNS will be closed on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and this will be a comp day for the teachers; and
6. Our first day of school (i.e. orientation) will be September 1st.

The Board discussed the desirability of shifting to a percentage based tuition increase each year (i.e., 2-3%, in general) and voted unanimously to approve the following items regarding tuition for the 2015-'16 school year.

1. Two days/week classes will be \$240;
2. Three days/week classes will be \$295;
3. 4K for paying students will be \$345; and
4. Twins enrolled in the same class will receive a 25% discount on one of the tuitions.

Vice President

The January Parent Meetings will be on January 21st and 22nd at 6pm each evening. One speaker is scheduled—a 4C's speaker on Positive Parenting. Maureen would like to find a speaker on food and nutrition and is exploring options.

Treasurer

P&L and Budget Sheets were emailed to BOD prior to the meeting.

Event Coordinator

Not present/no report.

Fundraising Coordinator

No report.

Volunteer Coordinator

Second semester signup duties are in progress.

Advertising Coordinator

Margo has started a referral raffle: parents are asked to write their name on the backs of cards inviting families to the January open house; families who attend the open house may drop off these cards at the open house (or mention who referred

them), and the parent who referred them will be entered into a raffle for MGNS Spiritwear.

Equipment & Inventory Coordinator

Not present/no report.

Purchaser

No report.

Adjournment

Next meeting date: Monday, January 12th, at 7pm, Room 104

Alison Downey