

Monona Grove Nursery School Board Meeting

August 20, 2018

In Attendance: Sarah Kopczyk, Valorie Nyenhuis, Kelly Griseta, Kathryn Mingione, Jodi Schmitt, Sue Carr, Katy Kaufman, Teresa Bentler, Brian Planey, Zach Barber, Donna Campenelli

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

2. ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2018
 1. Motion to approve made by Kathryn, Brian seconds. Motion is passed with nobody opposing.
2. Report from the School Director
 1. Proposed adding a note in Toddler Time folders about the fundraising that states Toddler Time families are not obligated to do any participation in fundraising, nor are they required to utilize the buy-out option for not participating.
3. Financials: Statements through July 31, 2018

3. ROUNDTABLE CHECK-IN

1. President - Katy: Thanked all who contributed to the survey about Teach Appreciation. School will be funding the food. Members are welcome to put money towards it, if they see fit.
2. Secretary - Elisa: Pass
3. Vice President - Sarah: Pass
4. Volunteer Coordinator - Valorie: There are enough volunteers for Fall Clean Up.
5. Fundraising Coordinators - Kelly & Kathryn:
 1. The Culvers Scoopie date will be November 6th.
 2. Art Cards project that was proposed in the July board meeting will proceed for this Holiday Season.
6. Teacher - Jodi: Pass

7. School Director - Sue: Pass
8. Equipment and Inventory - Zach: There will be minimal clean up for Fall Clean Up night - playground looks good.
9. Treasurer - Brian: Mobilizing for tax work.
10. Event Coordinator - Teresa:
 1. School Pictures - Information about school photos will be in the first Newsletter. There will be no group class photo, teachers will continue making their own composite class photos.
 2. Meet Greet and Eat: As a way to drum up more socialization amongst families there will be a Scavenger hunt, Pizza Bingo, and a Pizza Raffle.
11. Purchasing - Donna: Pass.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Toddler Time Demand / How to Maximize Enrollment in Spring Session
 1. Historically there were one TT session per day in the fall, due to demand Sue has typically added double classes on Monday's and Friday's (7 sessions instead of 5). One main area of concern with this is that it caused confusion with payments and communicating with families. Currently we have 43 deposits for Spring Classes - leaving only two spots available for spring '19.
 1. Options to increase enrollment:
 1. Manatee Room
 2. Double up classes on Friday's
 3. Rent another space in the building (wouldn't fix for this year)
 4. Limit the number of days a child can attend
 5. Renting the Nursery Room for Spring and hiring an additional teacher
 1. If the Room is available is the board supportive of this option over adding double days or using Manatee Room?:
 1. Unanimous yes
 2. Sue will bring our interest in renting the room to The Board of Trustees with LEUCC later this week.

2. Criteria and Timeline for Scholarship Decision

1. Place a deadline for all applications to be submitted.
2. A letter from the family to the board explaining why they want/need/ should receive the scholarship.
3. Letter of recommendation.
4. The Scholarship Committee will continue to make all decisions. Sue is not involved in deciding who gets scholarships - she will only relay decisions based off of the committee, as the committee does not know the identities of the families requesting a scholarship.
5. Criteria: project out 3-4 years regarding funds to determine how many scholarships can/will be offered, and in what amounts.

1. Katy and Bryan will review suggestions and work on projections

5. ITEMS NEEDING A VOTE

1. Approval of MGNS Vision Statement

1. PROPOSED: The perfect place to learn through play!

1. Motion to approve made by Katy, Valorie seconds. Motion is passed with nobody opposing.

2. Approval of MGNS Mission Statement

1. PROPOSED: Through play, we strive to support the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of all children. As a parent cooperative, we believe the partnership between families and teachers helps each child establish a positive foundation for all future learning.

1. Motion to approve made by Katy, Valorie seconds. Motion is passed with nobody opposing.

3. Approval of Spring Sessions of Toddler Time

1. Tabled until further information is provided regarding getting more space.

6. ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm