

Monona Grove Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020
7:00pm

*** Due to social distancing requirements, this meeting was conducted via Zoom.*

In attendance: Kathryn Mingione, Chelsea Fait, Amanda Rudningen, Meaghan Cibarich, Danielle Goldsmith, Zach Barber, Sarah Kopczyk, Lynn Witte, Sarah Hackett, Dawn VanHorn, Jodi Schmitt, Sherri Stouffer, Stacey Neuman, Sue Carr, Nicole Blattner, Erin Drewes, Patrice Stadler

1. Call to Order

- a. President Mingione called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Routine Business

- a. Approval of Minutes from September Meeting
 - i. Sarah Hackett moved to accept minutes from the September 2020 meeting. Amanda Rudningen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.

- b. Report from School Director
 - i. Staff is planning a Halloween parade Thursday, October 29th 4:30-6pm. The teachers will make a circle with cones; families will park on the street and then parade around teachers in the parking lot.
 - ii. Sue summarized the surveys completed by parents and families about virtual learning.
 - iii. Grant Applications. Sue is applying to four total grants. Sarah is supporting Sue with edits.

- c. Financials
 - i. Amanda reported that we are starting to collect payment for virtual families. Still haven't collected MMSD monies. The church reducing rent is helpful. We paid some insurance for the entire year. Budget is status quo.

3. Roundtable Check-In

- a. Fundraising Updates:
 - i. Butter Braid update: \$1300ish. Danielle will work with Aimee to schedule next year's fundraiser. Chipotle fundraiser will be Wednesday. They are sharing Chipotle code/flyer on social media

platforms. Can order online with promo code or flyer in store. Jellyfish Jaunt is ongoing. Fired Up Pottery new ownership and new covid protocols, however running MGNS fundraiser Nov. 9-15th.

- b. Amanda Rudningen (treasurer): \$990 is due at the beginning of November, applied for loan forgiveness through Summit (PPE loan).
- c. The playground will be available for children, playdates, etc throughout the winter; toys are sanitized. Could add something in the newsletter about families requesting classlists from their children for playdates. Might change “slots” of availability for manatees, starfish, and dolphins.

4. Items for Discussion

- a. Continuation of Virtual Learning vs. Back in Person
 - i. A lengthy discussion of this topic included the following discussion points:
 1. Survey of family and teachers indicated the majority of families want to continue with virtual learning. When/if we move to in person learning would most likely require shifting classes for various reasons. There was some concern about choosing to return to in person now with case numbers increasing rapidly as well as a concern with losing consistency/momentum with the virtual learning if we open and close. Concern expressed about the level of work involved with contact tracing, etc.
 2. Discussion included wondering if we could do in person learning for interested families. Members talked about schools that have opened K-2 and expressed concern about how long we are willing to be virtual.
 3. May entertain choosing a date for reopening, likely after holidays (January 22nd). Concern was expressed about selecting arbitrary reopening dates rather than following public health recommendations.
- b. Anti-Racist Work Check In:
 - i. Meaghan is going to add to the shared drive.

5. Items Up for Vote

- a. Kathryn Mingione made a motion to follow MMSD guidelines and continue virtual learning until at least January 22nd. Sarah Hackett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

- a. President Mingione adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

The next meeting will be held Monday 11.16.20 @ 7:00pm.