

Monona Grove Nursery School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
7:00pm

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

*In attendance: Sue Carr, Kathryn Mingione, Amanda Rudningen, Dawn Van Horn, Sarah Kopczyk, Lynn Witte, Sherri Stouffer, Juli Huston, Meaghan Cibarich, Danielle Goldsmith, Aimee Wendt, Sarah Hackett, Zachary Barber, Nicole Blattner, Chelsea Fait, Kate Brown*

1. Call to Order
  - a. President Mingione called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Minutes from August Meeting
    - i. Sarah Kopczyk moved to approve the August 2020 minutes. Meaghan Cibarich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - b. Report from the School Director
    - i. Discussion about losses/month
      1. Discussion topics included:
        - a. Have families committed to doing in person? Some want to stay virtual? Some will come when potty trained. Will it stay virtual for those who want to keep doing that?
    - ii. Updates on start to school year
      1. Discussion of school picture possibilities. There was a preference for outdoor pictures, but concern over children not squinting, attention to sun in the eyes.
      2. Board members asked questions about reopening possibilities. MGNS is committed to staying closed until at least November 2nd. Thus far, the plan has been to follow MMSD and may re-visit at the October meeting.
      3. Students doing Octopi learning started playground visits (half an hour was too short, may extend to an hour) and outdoor yoga. Both seemed to go well.
      4. Sue reported zooms meetings for 3k and 4k are going well. Board members with current students had positive feedback about their children being engaged and interested in the zoom meetings.

- c. Financials
    - i. Amanda did a run-through of the financial statements
    - ii. Income is currently under target as there is no MMSD payment yet. Everything is what we expected.
- 3. Roundtable Check-In
  - a. Kathryn Mingione (president)-Kathryn noted that she is putting up some board member videos on the facebook page so she may be reaching out.
  - b. Nicole Blattner (advertising)-Nicole shared that current advertising is to keep name out, rather than for current enrollment.
  - c. Danielle Goldsmith (fundraising)-
    - i. Butter Braids due October 2nd. May need some volunteers to help with the pick up.
    - ii. Tote bags-\$4 to \$5 a bag. Possible fundraiser at some point this year. Discussion led to a decision to table tote bag fundraiser until future date.
    - iii. Chipotle share night is set for October 21st (Wednesday) from 4-8 pm with Code and percentage going to MGNS.
    - iv. Virtual Fun Run/Walk October 1st-31st. Need to create some excitement via social media. People collect pledges per mile and keep track of the month of October and send MGNS money raised.
- 4. Items for Discussion
  - a. First communication to alumni from ARC (draft of letter in packet)
    - i. Discussion occurred regarding draft of letter for Alumni relations position.
  - b. Anti-Racist Work Check In
    - i. These ideas surfaced from the discussion:
      - 1. Parent “book club” or study--maybe in the winter
      - 2. Connecting to gifted and talented school in building
      - 3. Connecting with organizations led by BIPOC in community
      - 4. Sharing list of books school has if parents interested
- 5. Items Up for Vote – none at this time
- 6. Adjournment 9:03 pm.