

**Monona Grove Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2022
7:00pm**

***For COVID-19 safety, this meeting was conducted via Zoom.*

In attendance: Sue Carr (School Director), Kathryn Mingione (President), Sara Brelie (Secretary), Lynn Witte (Member at Large), Chyna Benzine (Equipment and Inventory Coordinator), Nicole Smialek (Events Coordinator), Aimee Wendt (Fundraising Coordinator), Beth Kernan (Vice President), Laura McGuire (Volunteer Coordinator), Amanda Rudningen (Treasurer), Clint Cecil (Fundraising Coordinator), Sarah Firchow (Teacher), Sarah Kopczyk (Alumni Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

School Director Sue Carr called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. President Kathryn Mingione joined the meeting a few minutes later.

2. Routine Business

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Lynn made a motion to accept the January Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the January 31, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes without changes. The motion was seconded by Beth and the minutes were approved unanimously.

b. Report from the School Director

- i. Enrollment for 2022-23 - Enrollment numbers look good for this time of year, including toddler time
- ii. Full-Day 4K - Sue presented a slide show about full-day 4K to the Board. She highlighted that full-day 4K is now becoming widely available in the district. It is currently funded by the school district, not the state, but MMSD is optimistic that state funding will come. MGNS did not apply to be a full-day 4K site for next year but will have to decide again this fall whether to apply to become a site for 2023-24. Several logistical challenges to changing to a full-day model were discussed, including the requirement to provide a naptime and space, lunch, etc. It was also discussed that if full-day 4K is the way the district goes, remaining a half-day program is a choice MGNS can make, but it may not be a sustainable one. No decisions were made for now. Parents will be asked for their opinions in the Parent Survey this spring, so the Board will have that data before making decisions about how to move forward next fall.

c. Financials

Treasurer Amanda Rudningen reported that the balance sheet looks good. Some expenses are over budget, but MGNS has grant money to offset extra many of those expenses.

There are no concerns once the grant money is factored in.

3. Roundtable Check-In

a. Board Recruitment - President Kathryn Mingione stated that she and Sue have reached out to some people, and Kathryn will go to toddler time to talk to parents about Board opportunities. Kathryn encouraged current Board members to reach out, as well. She also asked current Board members to update job descriptions with info about time commitments for specific positions because this is the most common question she is asked.

b. Parent Meetings - Vice President Beth Kernan reported that parent meetings are set for March 7 at 7pm and March 16 at 8pm. More info will go out in brown bags this week. Both meetings will take place over zoom.

c. Spring Fling

Events Coordinator Nicole Smialek gave an update on the Spring Fling, which will take place virtually on April 9. It will consist of a bakery pickup followed by a virtual show with David Landau at 10am. The hope is to have 3-4 food options delivered to the school to be passed out to families who order. The raffle will also be virtual, with orders in advance and not in person on the day of the event. Kathryn will handle the raffle and emcee the virtual event.

Fundraising Coordinator Aimee Wendt updated that she and Fundraising Coordinator Clint Cecil have been busy reaching out to businesses. Responses so far have been good, and around \$2300 worth of items have been donated so far. They are also starting to get responses from alumni and current families.

d. Other

Aimee also shared that the Mod Pizza fundraiser is tomorrow. Weather may be a factor in participation, but she encouraged Board members to like and share Facebook posts about the fundraiser.

Fundraising Coordinator Clint Cecil shared that he is in communication with the Madison Mallards about a possible Mallards night in June for current, incoming and outgoing families. Tickets would be \$15/person with \$3/ticket going to MGNS

4. Items for Discussion

a. Mask Mandate Changes

Kathryn reported that the plan is to stick with indoor masking after the mandate expires March 1. Outdoor masking will be optional at that time. Sue reported that we will strongly encourage 2-yr-olds masking in toddler time, but it will not be required.

b. Helping Parents – back week of February 28th

Sue reported that MGNS will offer KN95s to helping parents but will not require them to take it. They will have to be masked. MGNS is sticking with disposable dishes and napkins for now, so helping parents will not need to do dishes. It was decided that teachers will make a training video for helping parents.

c. Parking lot - Sue reported that someone was gently hit by a car that drove away

without noticing. Board members were asked to pay attention to problems in the parking lot because staff are not out there to see them.

5. Adjournment

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Aimee and approved unanimously. President Kathryn Mingione adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.