

Montessori School of Louisville
A Non-Profit Organization
Board Meeting Summary

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In Attendance: Cynthia Gonzalez, Robert Chastain, Sue Perram, Lori Wendelin, James Gregory, Tim Evans, Elicia Gregory, Neill Meyers, Tim Evans, Bob Buse, Mike Littell

Absent: Lisa Scheller,

Sue opened meeting. Sue read the vision Statement.

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Introduced and welcomed Neill Myers as new board member.

Mike Littell: Provided recap of strategic planning process. Began in fall 2007. Involved greater school community. Included all traditional strategic planning process components. Hit the ground running. Administration and board did a good job of involving all constituencies. Objectives identified key strategic issues for the short term to move forward in development and continue to meet mission. Major areas included adolescent program, school location, funds development, compensation, materials, technology and budget.

Typically at this point, start at board meeting proceedings to tie back to strategic plan, check in on progress as often as necessary but at least every 3 months or so.

Next, the board approves then MSL starts over again in 2 years to be ready to start Year One of the next plan

Cynthia is writing narrative to present and vote on in December.

Sue Perram: How is St. X dealing with the current economic conditions?

Mike Littell: Charitable giving - So far, nothing out of the norm. Receivables - normal. Admissions - Dec. 13 entrance exams will tell much of how families are impacted. Over 600 families attended fall open house, larger than previous year. Endowment – set up on rolling average, no spikes up or down, will eat into unrealized gains but not dip below...[missed last bit of this]

Board Education:

“The Developmental Continuum: Hershey Montessori School” video (NAMTA) features a Montessori school in Concord Township OH that serves the planes of education from parent-infant classes to adolescent farm school (Erdkinder).

Old Minutes: Approved.

Director’s Report:

Cynthia submitted Directors report. Discussion on location search.

Sue: Discussion with OMS. Waiting on lease to be approved for next year.

Bob Buse: Discussion on sports related activities. Could create a soccer team. Bob would be willing to coach team on Saturdays.

Terra Nova Results from last year. Also includes scores from Ursuline as a comparison point. Bob pointed out the challenges of comparing on a group basis due to changing students. Bob requested that we compare a group of the same students to help create an equal comparison. Sue pointed out that we are learning about the test itself. For example: In Social Studies we did poorly because a question was ‘Point out Presidents’. It was pictures of Presidents. Students knew about Presidents, but had not reviewed Pictures of the Presidents.

Cynthia: James and volunteer cleaning crew did a great job.

James: Special thanks to Dave Kilner to get old copier out of building.

Sue: Technology Strategic task force has been restarted. Jay and Rebecca Gentile are leading.

Bob Buse: Shop to Earn.com. Cost is \$300 to sign-up. \$69 per year. 4% goes back to you as a gift certificate. Pyramid program. Bob would sponsor. Then any parents that use would go back to school.

Robb: Question on the issue of Non-profit status? Send Bob an email with contact information. To discuss.

Cynthia: February 21st for the Ali Center. Silent Auction. Bob will donate RCI week.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report: Lori presented. 2007-08 tax return is completed and will be mailed off this week. Working on getting a group health insurance plan for teachers and staff. Notified by Smith Barney that the 403(b) plan will be discontinued after December 31st. They are discontinuing plans due to IRS regulation change. Have had three student withdrawals. By with-drawing before December 1st, they get to deduct 20% of total tuition. Do not have a final number for the Harvest Festival. Think approximately \$1500 in profit. Applebee’s was \$724. Innisbrook fundraiser was a little over a \$1,000. Total expenses on track.

Strategic Planning Committee Update:

Sue: Motion to approve Strategic Plan. Robb makes motion. Neill second’s.

New Business:

No new business.

Old Business: No old business.

Closed meeting with a reading.

Motion to Adjourn. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.