

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

June 8th, 2009 - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes---Submitted by Sue Perram

In Attendance: Bob Buse, Neill Myers Caudill, Tim Evans, Sue Perram and Lori Wendelin. Also in attendance: Cynthia Gonzalez, Marcia Kidd.

Absent: James Gregory.

Sue opened meeting and Neill read the board vision statement:

We, the Montessori School of Louisville Board of Directors, believe Montessori education to be a progressive and evolving understanding of child development. In light of this belief, our policies shall be:

- *guided by what is best for the child*
- *fiscally responsible*
- *environmentally conscious*
- *leading toward national recognition*
- *acknowledging responsibility for stewardship in the community*
- *respectful of religious diversity*

Board Education: No presentation

Approval of Minutes: April and May 2009 meeting minutes and meeting summary are still not available. Approval tabled until the July 2009 meeting.

Director's Report: Cynthia submitted June 2009 Director's Report, including updates in the areas of Enrollment/Admissions, Personnel, Materials, Finance, Accreditation, Curriculum, Assessment, Regulation, Technology, Marketing/PR, Development/Fundraising, PTO, OMOS relations, Building & Grounds, Strategic Planning, Professional Development, Outreach and Parent Education.

Cynthia discussed current enrollment for the 09/10 school year is at 44 students. 28 of our 56 students are returning. Bob Buse motioned to give Cynthia the ability to pro-rate deposits paid to another school, up to \$300, against tuition for the '09/10 school year if the family can provide documentation of the payment. Tim Evans – 2nd. Motion carried.

Bob Buse also discussed contacting current families, as well as offering to new families, a 2nd round of financial aid. If there is space in a classroom and we can leverage the fixed costs, financial aid may be a good option.

Cynthia noted that the school will have a booth at 2 community events and that we NEED volunteers for both events. Sue will contact Cheryl Allen, PTO chair, to coordinate volunteers.

Cynthia provided results from the star/end time survey that was sent to parents. Based on the results, there will be no change to the current school day of 8:00am start time until 2:45pm end time. There was discussion about an earlier morning drop off time given the longer commute for some families. Cynthia will send a follow-up survey to our families to see if an earlier drop off time (before the current 7:30am) is needed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report: Lori Wendelin submitted financials and reviewed. 2008/09 school year should end about \$3k in the black

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Strategic Planning: Springhurst location should be available July 10th (vs July 1st). Construction is moving smoothly. Saunie Sparks is following up on the final fir bid (sprinklers, fire pulls and monitoring). Poe is offering to store our belongings and move them from storage to the final location free of charge due to the opening delay. Bob was concerned about the double move and the lack of insurance coverage on the move by Poe. Lori was concerned that Cynthia would not have a classroom to evaluate prospective children. Bob proposed that Suanie ask Poe if they would be willing to pay for MSL to stay at OMOS for an extra month (thru July 31st). If Poe is willing to pay up to \$1,700 (OMOS's last offer), then Sue will approach OMOS about a 1 month extension. It is Sue's belief that OMOS has not rented the space and would welcome the additional income.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Reminder of the board retreat on Friday, June 26th from 6-9pm at the Buse's home. Agenda and address will be emailed shortly.

Contract enforcement: an unpaid contract will be turned over to a lawyer. The school has executed its steps of the contract enforcement process.

Board Recruitment: A reminder of how critical it will be for our school to grow successfully is the size, role and scope of the board. Also mentioned that Robb Chastain will return from his leave of absence at the July 2009 meeting for the 09/10 school year.

Conclusion:

Sue read a passage from "Not Much Just Chillin" by Linda Pearlstein

Motion to Adjourn. Approved.

Meeting moved to Executive Session.

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