

BIRCH LANE MONTESSORI PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2018 at 7pm

- 1) Welcome/ Introductions
- 2) Review of Minutes- Shawna Stevens
 - a) Jim Knight moved to approve April 24, 2018 minutes; Soji Howe seconded the motion; motion passed.
- 3) President's Report- Sheryl Soucy-Lubell
 - a) Teacher Work Day is on Monday, May 21. Montessori teachers will have substitutes for a portion of the day in order to organize and inventory Montessori materials. Primary teachers will have the morning to work on this task and intermediate teachers will have the afternoon. A wish list will be created for next year with the hopes that some items can be refurbished.
- 4) Vice President's Report- Cindy Pickett
 - a) Annual family picnic will be Slide Hill Park this year as a community building event. The event will be held from 4-7pm on May 19. Families will bring their own food and MPAC will sell hot dogs with gourmet toppings. There will also be veggie and gluten-free options for the hot dogs. Fat Face popsicles will also be for sale. Games and races will be held with small prizes for the winners. MPAC will reserve the picnic table area.
- 5) Outreach Coordinator's Report- Heather White
 - a) Principal Knight's son is helping to design a new logo for the Montessori program and giving us a great rate. We are working with ideas we already have and hope to have some designs by July. We want to incorporate bright colors and new fonts for an updated look, along with including Montessori symbols. Amanda McNicholas suggested that we put some of the ideas on the MPAC Facebook page and maybe have a teacher vote over the summer? Cindy Pickett suggested we send out an initial draft to the List serve. T-shirts will be sold in the fall.
- 6) Treasurer's Report- Amanda McNicholas
 - a) Nothing to report.
- 7) Teacher's Report
 - a) Sally Palow (5/6): Students did a great job on SBAC testing. The Barter Market is scheduled for June 1. The 6th grade students have been busy preparing for the event. They will dress as market vendors and sell their wares. June 4 will be the mass transit field trip for 6th graders, which is always super fun. 6th graders will attend the promotion ceremony on June 7 at 9:30am. 5th graders are working on the Revolutionary War and creating battle scenes.
 - b) Eliza Sater (2/3): All done with 3rd grade testing-kids did a great job. Busy working on the classroom musical and looking forward to heading to Chestnut Park for the last day of school picnic.
 - c) Remy Glovin (2/3): Students are very excited for the costumes for the class play that they are working on. This Wednesday will be their 1st art lesson with another following in 2 weeks.

d) Marissa McBride (2/3): 3rd graders did a great job with the SBAC. They are creating a class book that they will show at Open House. Also working on a class musical.

8) Principal's Report- Jim Knight

a) 4/5 position- Hired Cat Wright, but she had to back out because of personal reasons, so 4/5 position open again.

b) K/1 position- Interviews for three of the applicants are set up for next Monday. We're using the same pool of applicants for K/1 from the 4/5 position.

c) PE teacher- Hiring a 4-6th grade teacher. Will hopefully be in place for the June School Board meeting. It's a District paid position- we are one of the few schools that have a PE teacher.

d) Open House is May 23. Volunteer appreciation is right after school on 5/23.

e) 6th Grade Promotion is June 7.

9) MPAC Board Elections:

a) Election- Ballots were passed out and results were tallied by Principal Jim Knight. Sheryl Soucy-Lubell motioned to approve the slate of candidates as listed below. Tim Steele seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

President: Sheryl Soucy-Lubell

Vice President: Roberto Sequeira

Treasurer: Amanda McNicholas

Secretary: Brian Pakpour

Outreach Coordinator: Heather White

Historian: Leila Hartley

10) Adjourned at 7:43pm