

BIRCH LANE MONTESSORI PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2018 at 7:04pm

- 1) Welcome/ Introduction
 - a) 14 people present
- 2) Review of Minutes- Shawna Stevens
 - a) Amanda McNicholas moved to approve the December 17, 2017 minutes; Sheryl Soucy-Lubell seconded the motion; motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's Report-Amanda McNicholas
 - a) Eight teachers have used funds-Palow and Sadler have not. A few more donations have trickled in since last time, but the donations drive has pretty much wrapped up. \$2400 left in budget. There will be some extra funds as we will not set up a DMEF website.
 - b) Cindy has been in discussions with Montessori Training Center in Shingle Springs. We are still trying to set up a local Montessori training center. Sylvia is interested and we are trying to coordinate an in-person meeting here in Davis. Can we reimburse her for her travel costs? Marissa suggested going to the campus since it's very beautiful and well-organized. Sheryl was interested in getting her to come to Davis for the initial meeting and then if the district has interest, go to Shingle Spring. Cindy moved to use \$75 out of Professional Development to bring the director to Davis to discuss partnering with her training center. Tim Weaver seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
 - c) Marissa heard that UC Davis want to embed a Montessori training program through their program.
- 4) Teacher's Reports
 - a) Marissa McBride (2/3): A parent came in and provided a botany lesson- talked about first plants. Also talked about different plants and different environments. 2nd graders- adjectives and parts of speech. Math- money, subtraction, and coins. 3rd graders like the new language adoption. New ELA adoption really helping to prepare them for SBAC testing in spring such as reading text and understanding the content. 3rd graders working on division and group division.
 - b) Sally Palow (5/6): Working on data and statistics. Class made a human plotline on the quad. 6th graders- working on scrolls of ancient China. The China unit will close with a game of China Jeopardy. 5th graders- studying colonies and working to create a colonial village. They are also working on persuasive essays. Sly Park is coming up next week!
- 5) Montessori Materials Demonstration- Marissa McBride
 - a) Adjective Demo
- 6) Outreach Coordinator- Heather White
 - a) Feb. 8: 7-8pm Montessori Kinder Info Night
 - b) Feb. 14: 4-6pm – Kinder Registration; the registration window stays open for several weeks
 - c) Kinder Montessori campus tours- Jan. 30 at 9am, Feb. 1 at 9am, Feb. 5 at 10am; by appointment only

- d) Montessori outreach information is posted on the Davis Parents Facebook page, MPAC website and some community websites
 - e) Davis Farmer's Market table dates- will table at both Wednesday and Saturday market. Will have volunteers and flyers to pass out, and maybe some cider and cookies to draw people in. Kids are invited to help. Will try to have a 100 board and stamp game for demonstrations. Email the listserve with the info on dates/times and to help solicit volunteers. Will also set up a Sign up Genius for distribution of flyers for preschools and businesses.
 - f) Trying to get an article in the Davis Enterprise re the program, or at least do a press release. The editor offered us an Opinion piece with a photo; maybe also get on the newspaper calendar which repeats weekly.
 - g) Ideas for glossy printing? Copyland on G Street
- 7) Vice President's Report- Cindy Pickett
- a) Fundraising community building event coming up. Trying something different- gathering at Dunloe Brewery on Olive Drive. Gather, drink beer, bring kids, and hang out. The brewery is giving us 20% of the proceeds. Also arranging for a food truck that will have kid friendly items and non-alcoholic drinks. Will try to schedule February 3 from 2-6pm.
- 8) President's Report- Sheryl Soucy-Lubell
- a) Teachers organize the kinder info night, but they might contact some parents to do a short talk.
- 9) Other Business:
- a) Mary Jean Allery- Need a lot of volunteers for Birch-ella. Still need a beer coordinator. Heather will do the food again. Student Council is sponsoring a drive for Yolo Crisis Nursery- there will be a poster on Mr. Crowell's classroom for donation needs.
- 10) Adjourned at 8:04pm