

MAM Fund Meeting  
12-17-18

Members Present: Joe DiCarlo, Jason Puskar, Meagan Schulz, Victoria Haas, Ellie Cotter, Deb Holton, Jen Current, Lindsay Loveland-Baptist, Emily Laga

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes from 11-19-18
  - a. Approved
3. Principal's Report
  - a. Back to normal attendance post norovirus
  - b. The first semester is going really smoothly
  - c. The school report card went up to "Exceeds Expectations"
    - i. Joe talks about report cards and how academic data is influenced and reported as well as how the school is addressing deficits.
  - d. Montessori Advisory Committee
    - i. This committee is made up of members from each of the Montessori schools. They are putting together a strategic plan for Montessori within MPS. They are looking to support schools currently operating and also address how to grow Montessori within the district.
  - e. Diversity at MAM
    - i. Other committees at school are looking at diversity and equitable practices. They are investigating different ways to target communities outside of the East side neighborhood and how to reach out to these communities. They might advertise in different neighborhoods so people know they have to enroll their children in 3K and 4K. They may target the YWCA or mailings or organizations that already have events. This committee also might reduce the percentage of kids who are allowed in via walk zone.
    - f. Teachers - They will come by committee to have a voice on the Fund
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. We got around \$15,000 for the fall fund drive, but more money is coming in.
  - b. Use the google drive for any confidential information
  - c. Victoria will eliminate one of the Simple Suppers in the ledger
  - d. The MPS Foundation just went through their first audit, so things might be moving slowly
  - e. For professional development - Joe will pay out of his budget and the Fund will reimburse.
  - f. Joe will find out how to create a link which allows donors to donate to the MAM Fund online. Emily or Jason will get that link on the website and the MAM Facebook page.
5. Vote on establishing annual allocation to PTO of \$5,000
  - a. This will be revisited yearly like any other line item

**b. Approved**

6. Balance Beam

- a. Must area must have a rubber play surface which will be a major expense
- b. Jen presents 4 options
- c. Would be placed on existing asphalt not the grassy area.
- d. Joe is sharing with the staff on Friday and get some input.
- e. Other unknowns would be who has to install it (company vs. MPS). Joe warns that the price may increase.
- f. We will also have to show competitive bids.
- g. Given the estimates, the Fund needs to decide what we are comfortable with spending. Jason suggests spending around \$65,000 and working with that budget. We will wait until January for a formal vote.
- h. Joe will set up a meeting with John Linn (which Jen Current can attend) to lay out a timeline on this project.

7. Springfest Update

- a. Social justice aspect. It is very sensitive. Joe brings up that we need to be careful about how to make it happen. Joe suggests sitting down and talking about it and then bringing it to the other school.
- b. Could it be a different group? Could it be a different organization?
- c. Could we involve the adolescent social justice committee? Meagan will meet with them on Friday, January 4th.