

MAM Fund Meeting  
2/27/18

Present: Jason Puskar, Melanie Whitlow, Vesla Hoeschen, Deb Holton, Mary Driscoll, Andy Larson, Joe DiCarlo, Mike Kirtley, Lai King Moy

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Unanimously approved
3. Principal's Report
  - a. United Way: two donations have come in but we have to go through the process to transfer the funds from the school to the Foundation account
  - b. Mike asks Joe to have MPS Foundation send the detail sheet over
  - c. Question: Montessori professional development money: not quite as many taking advantage of that now, partly because they have to pay for flights out of their own pockets. So, can we carry over that amount to the next 3-year period, then Joe could bring someone in to do professional development, and everyone would get it.
    - i. Joe would do it on a professional development day for whole school
    - ii. Agreed that this is permitted
  - d. Springfest baskets: Ms. Groh surveyed the staff on baskets, but Deb has not heard yet.
  - e. Discipline work group: working on disproportionality of discipline for Af-Am students. Examining own practices for fairness; feedback to district.
  - f. Racial Equity Group: revamped all the books in library for more equal representation; a parent night too; part of a district initiative.
  - g. March 19 next meeting: Joe will have teacher survey on programming
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Received some checks which will be processed today
  - b. Two came in made out incorrectly for Springfest
  - c. Owe Ms. Groh PTO reimbursement for educational training: \$125
  - d. Need invoice for Danceworks
  - e. Simple supper check should be coming in soon
  - f. \$3K just received yesterday, from Johnson Controls
  - g. Northwest Mutual: family donated \$2K and NW will match that. Joe will follow up with Deb
5. Springfest
  - a. If soliciting for sponsors please let Deb know
  - b. We need more gift cards: 41 cards in so far, averaging \$37/card. How many last year?
  - c. At \$17K for auction all-in right now. Jill said last 30 days was a really heavy period of receipts. We're aiming for \$35K.
  - d. Andy: \$10K extra in large donations with company match
  - e. Do we need a person to own and promote ticket sales: like Lai King selling Simple Supper tickets
  - f. Jason will make small "tickets" to hand out at parent teacher conferences
  - g. Use up old colorful tree stickers and labels, despite new logo design
  - h. Drastically reduce that number and size of programs; Deb will let Jason know.
  - i. Wine pull: three cases of wine about \$15/bottle. Aiming for about 75
  - j. Get more bags to sell for \$15 each; down to just 15 left. Can buy online with tix.
  - k. Can we put in a donate a ticket for your teacher? Deb will ask.

- l. Jason will store big stuff in basement and garage
  - m. Remind teachers to donate time if they choose? Have 7 so far.
  - n. Going to buy linens: Andy will take someone to Restaurant Depot
  - o. Aiming for a 100 packages to give out but start with \$40 and up to Disney tix at \$600+:
    - i. We have mostly experiences this year: far fewer things
    - ii. 100 seems like too much; we had 100 with teacher experiences at Discovery World
    - iii. Sweet spot is 2-3 guests per item.
  - p. Live auction items: can we do live auction through gesture
  - q. Website: follow up with Cira on photo releases
6. Simple Supper
- a. Will check on two dates: Tue May 22 or Wed May 23
7. New Fund Members
- a. Andy, Lai King, Vesla, and Melanie are no longer able to be members of the fund. Have maxed out time as fund members.
  - b. Everybody should try to find one replacement
  - c. Talk to primary teachers to ID enthusiastic parents who might want to help
  - d. Add to website: recruiting
  - e. Send home flyer
  - f. Recruit at Springfest
  - g. When Melanie leaves we need to nominate a new president
  - h. Elect new members at May meeting