

PRM Foundation - Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022 6:30pm In person at Community Happens Here and Virtually via Google Meet

PRM's Mission: "To offer every neighborhood child a quality Montessori education, collaborating with community partners in a peaceful and environmentally-conscious setting, which nurtures a lifelong love of learning."

<u>Attendance:</u> Sara Bourgeois, Marissa Albright, Meredith Haluga, Tami Kauffman, Colleen Arbuckle, Jackie Bonfield, Kristy Miller, Lauren Anderson, Missy Kyrlach, Birgit Hooker, Marianne Quellhorst, Sarah Morales, Erin Spears, Ally Richer, Esper Tovar, Lauren Posta and Allie Goodman

Call to Order; Meeting begins at 6:41pm

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Minutes
 - a. November minutes sent by Sara Bourgeois via email on January 17th
 - i. Erin Spears moves to approve the minutes; Colleen Arbuckle seconds; motion passes
- 3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. November financial reports were sent by Meredith Haluga via email on January 19th
 - i. Foundation Bank statements were emailed–statements were reviewed and signed off on by A. Goodman and M. Albright
 - ii. Booster Bank statements were also reviewed– statements were initialed by Marissa Albright and Allison Goodman
- 4. Upcoming Fundraisers
 - a. Read-a-thon
 - i. Dates March 2nd 9th
 - 1. Read Across America Day is Wednesday, March 2nd
 - ii. Idea from Jackie Bonfield-Bookplates could be sold and added to library books for continuing to add to the library at PRM
 - b. Silent Auction (Nicole Webb champion)
 - i. April 25th through April 30th
 - ii. Event happening online only
 - c. Benken's Flower Sale
 - i. Tami Kauffman and Lindsey Felder Championing
 - 1. Meeting with Benken's on Monday (1/22) and will have official update at the next meeting (February)
 - d. Flamingos
 - i. Is that something that anyone wants to champion this summer?
 - ii. Kristy Miller and Laura Schatz Morales offering to champion
- 5. Grants Report
 - a. Grants report was sent by Marianne Quellhorst via email on Jan. 19th
 - b. Upcoming applications are available for grants that we have previously applied for and so we need to start thinking about how to apply for these grants for next school year

- c. Marianne reached out to Mr. David about a new grant opportunity for libraries
- 6. Initiative Equity
 - a. The PRM Equity Group will not be meeting this month
- 7. Old Business
 - a. American Montessori Society updated Information
 - Tami Kauffman presenting on the new price structure for AMS Membership which will now include a second year
 - ii. Cost increases from \$2500 to \$3750 so as to include the remainder of this year and all of next school year
 - Tami Kauffman moves to increase the amount spent by Foundation for an AMS membership, Colleen Arbuckle seconds and the motion passes unanimously
- 8. New Business
 - a. Ruth Anne Wolfe-Coffee Cup Café (Community Happens Here)
 - i. Historical perspective and how it's gotten to this point:
 - Began as gifted education during the school day as a pull-out program for 9-12 students
 - Later moved to an after-school program for the classes (weekly) with the café still being open one morning a week for staff and parents
 - a. Classes teach entrepreneurial skills wrapped around the idea of sales of coffee
 - ii. Coffee Cup Class and Café have both grown substantially in popularity and therefore the program is no longer sustainable in the current format
 - 1. The current school year, 2021-2022 there were 75 students who "applied" and were accepted into the program
 - iii. Cost increases have also happened across the board, including the cost of purchasing reusable free mugs for all staff members
 - 1. Can we work together to look for funding sources (more, new, different) to help with purchasing supplies?
 - a. Mugs alone have increased to \$11 per mug
 - b. Learning Links grants might be an option
 - iv. Jackie Bonfield wondered where Monique Johnson falls into this mix as the Resource Coordinator
 - v. Or could a staff member use schedule E money?
 - vi. NEEDS Administrative/Registering the kids
 - 1. Teacher Liason/Cheerleader within the school
 - b. Scholastic Book Fair- in partnership with Read-a-thon
 - i. Since this is not a fundraising event, it should be considered a PTO event
 - 1. The last two people who supported Scholastic Book Fair happening at PRM were Katie Thompson and Lisa Frentzel