

Community Meeting Minutes February 13, 2008

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Items on Agenda:     Annual Fund Update  
                          Auction Update  
                          Master Landscaping Plan  
                          Language Update  
                          Middle School Update  
                          Acoustics in School building

- I. Middle School Exploration Committee – Margaret Norris
  - a. Committee has been interviewing people at existing schools.
  - b. Consensus of committee
    - Phase 1 – Find a teacher and get training if needed. (4-6wk training program and 1 yr. Internship)
    - Phase 2 – Get materials.
    - Phase 3 – Get physical space.
  - c. Farm model and urban (business) model are options.
  - d. Targeting 2010 school year
  - e. School has options to buy adjacent land, but land needs are a function of the selected model.
  - f. Group is also exploring land writing.
  - g. Marsha mentioned Lower Elementary expansion. May take space from lobby. (plan not final)
- II. Acoustics – an update from administration.
  - a. Suggestion to remove shoes or switch to slippers indoors.
  - b. Suggestion for eco-friendly carpet squares
  - c. Margaret mentioned floor covering did not help much last year.
  - d. Can't hang material from ceiling because of fire code.
  - e. Topic returned to agenda for next meeting.
- III. Auction APRIL 12th
  - a. Donation forms and donor list on website.
  - b. Three levels of "sponsorship".
  - c. Classes are all creating auction items.
  - d. Encouraging everyone to ask businesses they like for donations.
  - e. Working on catalog- trying to reduce printing cost (current estimate \$2000) and balance with "green-ness"
- IV. Language Update
  - a. Annamarie described activities in Children's House 1
    - Spanish section
    - Only Spanish from Maria on Wednesday.
    - Spanish songs and book readings
  - b. Looking for additional opportunities for dual-language.
  - c. Will phase out "visiting" model for in-room faculty
- V. ANNUAL FUND
  - a. Over \$13,000 on way to \$50,000 goal; seeing good participation.
- VI. Master Landscape Plan –
  - a. working with Robin Moore, eco-friendly landscaping designer with experience working with schools and educating children during the planning and development process

- b. AI may call upon community to attend village meetings regarding environmental issues related to school property.