

# Community Meeting March 11, 2008

## Minutes

### ANNUAL FUND

- To Date \$22,800 has been contributed and pledged. \$50K is the goal. All funds will go to library/media center custom design.

### ANNUAL REPORT for 2006-07 Presented by Angela Manning and Liz Meadows

- The school's tax return and financials are on file in the office. Both are always available to view.
- Last fiscal year ended well with a positive cash flow.
- 07-08 Budget also available for viewing at anytime. Please request at front desk.

### AUCTION UPDATE - Anna Fisher

- One month countdown!
- Great auction items have been donated
- The catalogue is being type set.
- Many RSVP's are in, but ATTENDANCE is CRITICAL for the success of the event.
- The event will not only be a fundraising event. It will be a really great social event for Montessori families and their friends.
- SALEM GYM will be holding a Parent's Night Out the evening of the event.
- The caterer for the event is California Fresh Living. They donate profits from the business to charity. So your ticket does double good.
- A local farmer has recently agreed to donate organic duck and ham.
- Organic coffee will be served along with 12 1-pound bags available for auction.

### MASTER PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT - Liz Meadows

- Natural Learning Initiative (NLI) is associated with NCSU in Raleigh. This group researches the effects of the outdoors on children, and creates master landscape and development plans for schools. The board will be voting to approve a contract with them for their services to develop our 8 acres as a sustainable, outdoor classroom. They have created projects for Montessori schools around the world, and we have them here in our "backyard." Proceeds from the Auction will support these efforts.
- Once the plan is created, the goal is to contract with a local landscaping firm to begin implementation in November.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE - Stuart Jaffe

- The hope is to have a proposal to present to the Community by April/May.
- The researchers have been divided into four groups: Language of Middle School; Cost of staffing, curriculum, etc; Grants/funding; Building/space needs

### ACOUSTICS - Angela Manning

- Any improvements would require a specialist be hired for plan and construction. We will have to decide a time in the future when we would be able to incur the capital expenses necessary.
- When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Elementary classroom is built the acoustics will be dealt with appropriately from the outset.
- Any volunteers who would be willing to research products and options available to us would be greatly appreciated.

## SUMMER CAMP - Angela Manning

- Sign up soon, as available spaces are filling quickly!

## PARKING LOT

- Board Vote on NLI
- Middle School Update and possible proposal
- Auction Update
- Elementary Construction Update
- Annual Fund Update
- Spring Picnic Planning
- Master Property Development