

The Montessori School  
Community Meeting  
9-11-07

Leader: SS  
Timer: LM  
Scribe: AM

**Parking Lot from August Meeting:**

School Snacks (Carried over from August Meeting)  
Paper Towel Dispensers (Carried over from August Meeting)

**Update on Previous Topics:** Green Cleaning  
Language Program at TMS

**Agenda Proposed:** Silent Auction  
Pick up and Drop Off  
Naming of the School  
Gardening Program Updates  
Middle School

**School Snack:** School not equipped to serve snack to 100% of kids. Administration will explore possibility of providing after school program snack in-house next year.

**Paper Towel Dispensers:** Administration has received quotes and looked at viable options to the current dispensers that are difficult for the children to use. Options will be continue to be explored.

**Green Cleaning:** Green cleaning products have been ordered and should be in use within days. Continuing to explore options for partnering with a Green Cleaning crew.

**Language Program at TMS:** Follow up discussion from previous Community Meeting. Concern was expressed about such a big change in the program occurring with little attendance at the meeting. Agreement was made to publish advance meeting agendas in the future and revisit the Language Program discussion at the October meeting.

**Silent Auction:** This year's silent auction/gala will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sawtooth Center in downtown Winston-Salem. Theme is "It is Easy Being Green". Corporate Sponsors to date are Burt's Bees, WholeFoods and Tripadvisor.com. The date is changed from the original date on the parent calendar. Community input and participation is sought and welcomed contact Anna Fisher to get involved. An exhibit of our students art work will be displayed at the Sawtooth Center leading up to the event. The event will be casual. Proceeds will most likely be geared toward enhancing earth friendly practices at the school. Specific use will be announced shortly. Community was asked to consider giving % of proceeds to support a green friendly organization. Ideas for kid's projects with recycled trash were given.

**Pick Up and Drop Off:** Parents were asked to continue to be diligent during pick up and drop off times, for the safety of everyone involved. Afternoon pick up for Children's House is 2:45. Elementary pick up begins at 3:00.

**School Name:** Update was requested. No one present from naming committee.

**Gardening Program Update:** Update on the program was given. The first meeting of the year was well attended and successful. Names for our Gardening Program are being considered. We have received donations of wood chips from The Budd Group. We have received donations of some green houses. Vermiculture program is gearing up and worms are on the way. Donations of old kids mud boots are being sought so that kids can wear them on muddy days during their gardening projects. The next meeting is in October. Contact Suzi Morehead for more information on getting involved Gardening Program.

**Middle School:** The desire for a middle school was expressed. This topic was moved the Parking lot to ensure pre-publishing for those interested in discussing the situation.

**Other discussion:**

The role of the Board of Trustees, attendees seeking to understand roles and responsibilities.

Posting Community Meeting Agenda's prior to the meetings

Publishing the Community Meeting guidelines for new and existing families

Concern about the attendance of Community Meetings was expressed

**SEPTEMBER PARKING LOT FOR OCTOBER 2007 MEETING:**

School Language Program  
School Zone Signs on Holder Road  
Strategic Plan / Long Range Plan  
Middle School  
Voting Structure at Community Meetings

