

Community Meeting
October 10, 2007

School Language Program

It had been voted to change from French to Spanish. However there wasn't enough people at that meeting, and was decided last month to revisit at this meeting. Discussion: Annamarie will make the final decision based upon recommendation of the community. Right now the children are getting an exposure to a second language. Long term goal would be language works integrated into classroom, perhaps emersion rooms. Those in attendance voted to recommend Spanish as the language taught.

School Zone Signs

Discussion: Traffic needs to slow down. We need a clear traffic pattern for the school grounds for pick up/drop off. Speed bumps, painting lane lines suggested. Stuart Jaffe and Al Andrews volunteered to lead the effort. They will investigate prices for signage, painting, etc. Will report findings at next meeting.

Strategic and Long Range Plan

Will follow blueprint to make and implement plans.

Middle School

Discussion: Why do we want a middle school? Elementary kids and parents want it; parents want to continue with excellent level of education and the atmosphere/community in which the children are learning. Cost is an issue. Financial failure is very common in small private schools. Some parents present made it clear that it doesn't matter to them what the building or room looks like, as long as a Montessori education can be provided to their children. All present voted to move forward with an investigation. Elizabeth Pope to lead this effort.

Voting Structure

Discussion proceeded re: need for a minimum number of attendees to hold a vote/make recommendations. Should it matter if only 2 people show up? Community meetings were started at our school to eliminate the typical rules of order and structure of meetings. Consensus was to keep meetings as they are. If we publish the purpose/schedule/structure of community meetings in more ways, interest and attendance will rise. The minutes can reflect the number in attendance, so it will be noted how many people were there when proposals/decisions are put to the community or Board.

Agenda for next meeting

Update from Administration on Language program plans
Middle School committee report on findings to date
Auction
Community contact/business book
Garden update
Landscaping update