

California Montessori Project ~ Carmichael
Campus Advisory Council Meeting
December 1, 2011 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Schedule
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September 1, 2011
October 6, 2011
November 3, 2011
December 1, 2011
(No Jan. Meeting)
February 2, 2012
March 1, 2012
(No April Meeting)
May 3, 2012
June 7, 2012

Attendance:

Council:

- Kim Aldridge- Administrator- present
- Elizabeth Parks- Secretary (non-voting)- present
- Kelly Vellanoweth- Teacher Rep- present
- Noah Kocina-Teacher Rep-present
- Rachel Rivers- Parent Rep-absent
- Greer Leake- Parent Rep-present

Committee Chairs:

- **Fundraising:** Whitney Hanson- absent
- **Grant Committee:** Valarie Oldham, Leigh Bartoo- absent
- **Room Parent Coordinator/s:** Melissa Horne-present, Katie Rosenthal- absent
- **Peer Mediation:** Darcy Flathmann & Maria Naumann - present
- **Events:**
 - **Spring Carnival:** Maggie Carmona- present
 - **Book Fairs:** Peggy Fitz- present
 - **After School Enrichment:** Peggy Fitz- present
 - **Hearts for Arts:** Coordinator needed depending on decision for this adult event

Approve November Minutes: Approved

Principal's Report:

- Recap of Tuesday Parent Meeting: Current charter school we are sharing our space with will be moving in December and CMP-Carmichael will be taking over the space.
- The presentation by Montessorian, Jonathan Wolff was amazing. He talked about building a Montessori community. Parents attending expressed their wish that more parents had been able to hear the presentations.
- "Kitchen" Update: good news, Carmichael Parks and Rec. will let us use the oven/stove and metal prep tables.

Finance Update: Elizabeth Parks

- **Report of Balances-** see attached
- **Allocation of Funds-**
 - Harvest Festival- Elizabeth will follow up with Auction winners and teachers who sold items. Funds from Festival. Keep \$1000.00 for next year. The remainder of the money will be split between classes. Kim will look into the cost of the large community hall for next year.
 - Athletics- need to purchase pennies for volleyball and basketball. Use funds from United Health Care grant
 - Discussion on fundraising to offset the cost of field trips. Recommendation to schedule a fundraising committee meeting to discuss policies and processes.
 - Discussion on playground improvements and CAC fundraising. Kim looking into removing some of the basketball hoops so that a ball wall, four square, etc. can be installed. Parent suggested a set plan for the future upgrades. Teacher rep. and others felt that it would be good to have a short term goal to do something now so the students have something else to play with while waiting for the play structure.
- **Request of Funds-**
 - Kim - \$300 for Lunch Room Set-up (create a beautiful environment for students to eat lunch in) –Kim explained what the "lesson" would be and talked about the grace and courtesy of Montessori- **denied**- recommend donations instead and teachers bring in own items

- RaDene – table
- Elizabeth- \$300 for the bank float- from athletics until moneys collected. **approved**
- Maria is asking for \$400 for the “bucket” project, to purchase plastic bracelets “fill it don’t spill it” - **approved** (funds taken from Athletics)

Discussion Items:

- **Dress Code:** grey added for uniform shirt color - **approved**
- **Car Loop:** discuss change back to two loops and return to original “bell” schedule. Teachers and parents prefer 8:30 start time instead of 8:20. After discussion, it was determined that keeping current schedule is best, since parents and staff settled into routine.
- **Beautification-** plants and flowers - table

Committees Reports:

- **After School Enrichment:** Peggy Fitz- table
- **Grant Committee-** Leigh Bartoo- table
- **Fundraising:** Whitney Hanson- table
 - Clorox Grant Voting
 - Staples printer ink fundraiser
 - Lee Farrand- Towner fundraiser-green- company. E-waste: table
 - Rummage sale table
- **Harvest Festival:** Rachel Rivers (absent)-
 - Feedback from Emails- some loved it the way it was set up all around campus, while others wanted to be closer together. Some felt that \$5 was too high especially if you wanted to do crafts only and not have dinner. This is to be a community builder and not a fundraiser.
 - Teacher rep suggested a lower price or pricing for each thing. Another suggestion- use some kind of punch card or a stamp on the students hands. Money from the punch cards could go to the classroom and any other expenses. It was also suggested to keep food simple, and charge per item.
 - Suggestions:
 - Raffle baskets, and have the kids do the crafts for a small amount. We opted out of the country store because of the items and leftovers.
 - Maybe push the festival into December and make more holiday type items for the county store. December may not be a good time because of the holidays. Possible Saturday event instead of the evening ornaments for sale.
 - We need to decide for next year when we are doing it, so we can reserve the community hall and maybe the small gym. Suggestion for having the festival in October on a Friday or Saturday and allow children to wear costumes.
 - Put options on Survey Monkey (day and place) and get parent feedback- majority is what we go with. **#1 First Friday in November-Harvest in the evening, #2 Sat Oct. 27th 4-7 –Halloween and costumes, #3 First Sat. in Nov.-holiday theme**
- **Spring Carnival:** Maggie Carmona- table
- **Room Parent Coordinators:** Katie Rosenthal & Melissa Horne- table
- **Athletics:** Kim Aldridge- table
- **Peer Mediation:** Darcy Flathmann and Maria Naumann- discussed the project Peer Mediators are doing with “Buckets” – fill it don’t spill it, or dip into another’s bucket.

Discussion item for next meeting-Hearts for Arts; Spring Carnival