

Southeast Alaska Friends of Montessori Special Board Meeting

October 1, 2014 5:00 – 6:30pm, Montessori Borealis Classroom

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

SEAFOM Board Members Present: Cory Crossett (CC), Lupita Alvarez (LA) Stephanie Kohlhase (SK), Rebecca Hartwell (RH), Abe Levy (AL), Mary Jane Tenney (MJT), Lynnette McNutt (LM) (phone), Catherine Fritz (CF) (phone).

SEAFOM Members Present: Shauna Murray (SM), Kristin Garot (KG), & Fawn Heeter (FH).

1. Establish Quorum (current board = 9 members): Quorum established.

2. Interim Funding Request Process: SK reviewed the process of applying for an interim SEAFOM Funding Request. The process involves meeting as a teaching staff prior to applying for funding and putting forth funding proposals as a staff. MJT agreed that she would be the teacher point of contact for Interim Funding Requests. RH will be the lead person if it is just attributing to AMP.

a. P.E. Equipment Funding Request (\$2600): PE equipment support funding request was withdrawn prior to the meeting. MJT recommended that Montessori staff pursue funding of P.E. supplies through the Innisbrook Fundraising account.

b. Site Council Additional Funding Requests (\$500): Montessori Borealis Site Council requested an additional \$500 to fully fund the original funding request that was submitted last spring. SK reflected that this was a high budget year, and SEAFOM made conservative decisions on funding proposals, including the decision to offer Site Council partial funding. SEAFOM preferred Site Council to submit funding requests for specific projects unable to be raised through fundraising efforts, rather than a general sum request. Due to the general nature of the funding request and budget considerations, the Board voted unanimously to not fund the Site Council request at this time.

c. Creative Expressions Augmentor for AMP Students (\$2240): RH presented the request, which was to support the AMP Creative Expressions class with contracted artists. RH said that this support is usually covered by the Augmentor contract, yet due to the reduced Augmentor budget this year, support in this class was still needed. The request was increased to \$2464.00 with a rate of pay at \$22.00, which matches the current Augmentor contract position. SK proposed the funding could be added to the Artist in the Schools budget. LA moved to increase the Artist in the Schools budget by \$2500. AL seconded. Unanimous Board approval.

d. P.E. Augmentor for AMP Students (\$2784): This proposal was to support AMP P.E. by increasing AMP P.E. class by 1.5 hours per week for the remainder of the school year. KG proposed that the request be revised as a grant request, provided by SEAFOM for the Middle School P.E. Program and managed by the Juneau School District (JSD) for this need. The Montessori P.E. teacher could receive the grant funding by the JSD to teach the additional classes. LA agreed that a grant managed by the JSD would be a preferred funding type if it involved paying JSD teachers directly, since SEAFOM's role is not to fund teachers, but to support the Montessori Borealis program in other ways through materials and teacher training. CF raised concern that, even as a grant managed by the JSD, the funding of teachers is not the role of SEAFOM, and unless the need can be filled by a support position at the Augmentor wage, SEAFOM should consider not funding this request. SM agreed that a grant to the JSD is not an ideal method of funding this need. RH, the author of the proposal, said she understood more clearly now the role of SEAFOM for supporting Montessori Borealis (MB), and MB could brainstorm other strategies to meet this need. KG agreed that, due to the expressed concerns, this proposal should be revoked at this time.

3. Next Regular Meeting: *December 3, 2014. 5:00 PM, AMP Classroom.*

Meeting Adjourned.