

First State Montessori Academy

Monday, March 10, 2014

Location: Brandywine Hundred Library

Board Meeting – Executive Session

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

- II. Topics to be discussed:
 - a. Renovation Plan – updated timeline/ estimates/ security deposit (Sean)
 - b. Personnel Committee (Courtney)
 - c. Legal Issue Update (Katie)
 - d. Contracts – transportation/food services/ janitorial etc. (Beth)
 - e. Transitioning from Founding Board to Governing Board

Founding Board Meeting – Public Session
Time 7:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Sean Boyd, Gregg Moist, Courtney Fox, Laura Messinger, Jessie Keith, Beth Carter, Yvonne Nass, Veena Rao, Corey Lamborn, Katie McCormick

Absent: Hunter Clarke-Fields, Heather Townsend, Mike Leventry, Gina Castelli

Minutes:

I. Approval of February Minutes

Additional item: Presentation about online school community building:
Andrea would like to spearhead an online community for FSMA that could be used for fundraising, classroom communication, community building among families and staff.

II. Committee reports:

a. Enrollment Report (Jessie)

Enrollment is great – letters of intent have been collected and we have 264 of 275 positions filled. As of today, we have 2 spots left in 2nd and 3rd grade, 5 spots left in 4th grade, and 1 spot left in 5th and 6th grades.

Jessie is currently working on logging everyone into the e-school system (statewide online system that holds information on every child registered for public school in DE).

b. Montessori Works (Linda and Maryann)

Montessori Works is a nonprofit social entrepreneurship that would like to partner with FSMA to provide support in training, Montessori information sessions, professional development, accreditation, etc.

c. Fundraising Committee Update (Hunter and Mike)

Our next fundraiser will be held on April 6 (2-5pm) at Deerfield Fine Wines in Newark. The proceeds from this event will support the new library at FSMA.

On a related note, the amazon store is ready. Supporters can purchase books through the site that will go directly to our library – this also allows us to track the stock (which books have been purchased and which are still needed).

d. Upcoming Events and Dates

a. Board Training / CBOC

On Saturday, 3/15, the personnel committee will be conducting the first round of interviews for lead teachers and the educational director.

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjourn meeting