

SAPMS Board Meeting

December 15th 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm via Google Meet

MISSION

The Mission of St. Augustine Public Montessori School is to provide students with a learning culture grounded in Montessori philosophy and practice that inspires a love of learning and respect for self, others and the environment.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

Board Members:

Jason Ferrante, President

Bryant Wilson, Vice President

Burt Froehlich, Treasurer

Tristan Alfant, Trustee

Don Workman, Trustee

Others Present:

Diane Dodds

Amanda Garcia

Angela Lindstrom

Auston Moore

Beate Schroeder

Emily Stoll

Endo Pascasio

Erika Forrest-Martin

Friends of SAPMS

Jaclyn Briand

Janet Myer

Jennifer Heffinger

Leilanie Pascasio

Noelle Casado

Sara Workman

Sarah Proffitt

Shwan Lindstrom

Andrea Chimienti

Marta Hahn

Helene Nat

Los Magz

Carla M

Cora Good

2. Review of Public Notice

Notice was given via email on December 14th 2022 at 2:37 pm via email

3. Public comment on Agenda items: None

4. Director's Report

Diane discussed the recently held European festival which a lot of parents attended and there was a lot of great feedback and it was a fun day. Enrollment is at 146, down 1. 3 more students are scheduled to start in January. We have received over \$27,000 of donations which the school is very thankful and grateful.

5. Committee Reports

Financial committee: We are in good shape for the end of the year and enough to get by in January. For February it starts getting tight and a letter is going out regarding the annual fund. Jason discussed the current financial status and the school will need additional income to make costs meet for February currently. Fundraising is in place with annual funds, funds through the state, Montessori resources, fundraising committee, PTO. Burt discussed that we are living paycheck to paycheck for the next few months. The objective is to get beyond that and to get through this and will then address next year's issues. Jason discussed that next year we will start the year off with a full roster and will get more money.

Fundraising committee: Tristan discussed that the next meeting is January 9th at 6 pm on campus. Sponsorships and grants were discussed and the community was asked to give input if anyone has knowledge about grants. Also if anyone has a business in mind that could be a sponsor please let her

know. Representative from Friends discussed the different fundraising efforts going on including amphitheater farmers market, gypsy cab market, calendar day sponsor, inspired giving, movie night and barbecue, t-shirt event, makers fest, pop up dinner with the Floridian, parent night out, spirit night. Friends of SAPMS is writing checks as the events clear and giving the funds immediately instead of waiting.

Facilities committee: Don commented that he is leaving his position at the end of the month. He recommended we should get the sandbags moved. Jason mentioned that a roof inspection is to be performed as well.

Search committee: There has been a letter prepared for distribution and to email Andres or the board if anyone has a place in mind that should be considered.

Other board business: Jason discussed the communications plan to keep the community updated with detail but reduce excess emails, there are plans to reinstate this committee with Jason to be the liason.

Public comment on non-agenda items:

- Angela Lindstrom commented that she has been doing research on grants and that a lot have online forms for submitting requests for sponsorship and donation and that they have to be applied through the online form.

Jason commented that the Board is reassured by the support parents are bringing along with ideas, suggestions and reassurances, the board is making changes to make our communication with the community better.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm, Burt seconded. All in favor