

New Morning Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday March 16th, 2020

- I. **Attendees:** Lindsay Suttin, Lindsey Cooper, Amy Hahn, Emily Kerrigan, Kate Patterson, April Denton, Suzanne Lee, Rebecca Anderson-Brown, Katie, Kothari, Sarah Sherman, Sage Books, Allie Hoban, Brenda Chamberlain, Ashley Russell, Cherish Orozco

- II. **Director's Report - COVID-19 Updates**
 - a. Overall, feeling like the decision last week to close was the right one given the statewide mandate Friday and MMSD shutting down starting today.
 - b. Originally teachers were to have access to the Wingra/NewMorning building, but now it will just be April as needed. Since this is subject to change, April will have her computer with her at home to ensure full access to documents. School is being disinfected.
 - c. Salaries - Discussed paying staff their salary the balance of the year. We agreed teachers should be paid. Cherish motioned, Emily Kerrigan seconded and the board unanimously approved.
 - d. Tuition - The board discussed tuition relief for families. We will revisit the issue at the next board meeting. In the meantime, April will run the numbers on the Future Fund, tuition/expense sums for those months if we do not attend, etc. April will also send an update to parents letting them know these items are being discussed and considered
 - e. Making up lost school days – The school calendar has 4 snow days built in which don't need to be made up. There are ways to add more days to the school year, an inservice day 4/27 and possibly extending school to the end of the week of June 8. This will be considered along with any sort of tuition refund at the next meeting.
 - f. Remote learning and connection
 1. Oak started Google classroom to do different activities for students. Room parents offered to assist Rebecca as well as Birch and/or Willow teachers as needed.
 2. We also discussed promoting the parent forum as a way for parents to connect and share ideas during this time

- III. **President's Report - Auction**
 - a. The auction will now be online. It will launch this week and conclude Saturday, March 28th. Tickets purchased will be considered donations but the committee has offered to honor any requests for reimbursements
 - b. Raffle tickets can be purchased online.
 - c. Items won will be distributed electronically when possible and porch pickup will be available at Emily Kerrigan's house.

- IV. **Other**
 - a. Kindergarten Panel - we discussed the upcoming Kindergarten Panel. Emily will propose a Zoom meeting to those teachers who have volunteered. The meeting could also be recorded for future access.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 30th @ 730pm via Zoom Meeting