

New Morning Nursery School Board Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024

Attendees: Rebecca Anderson-Brown, Jen (teacher representative), Amanda Franklin, Anneke Kingery, Sammie Endean, Renee Gesch, Alison O'Brien, Margaret Eich, Keeley O'Donnell, Laura Ronck, Anna Rusk, Kate Megna, Andee Johnson, Alysa Ninneman

Action items in bold.

Agenda

1. Approve September meeting minutes - board voted to approve.
2. Pancake Breakfast Planning (Andee - 10 minutes) – 11/23/2024
 - a. Changes/suggestions – We will keep things the same as last year.
 - b. Craft – Erin and Sammie will put together a craft.
 - c. Encourage people to volunteer. Ask for more sign-ups for clean up. Add a sign up deadline for 5 days before event.
3. Director Update (Rebecca - 30 minutes)
 - a. Looking ahead to 25-26 – Exploration enrichment program in the afternoons
 - i. Limit to 12 kids or less, for children who are potty trained and do not nap.
 - ii. Program will use the Maple room as home base but spend most of the time outside. Jackie is interested in teaching.
 - iii. Sign up by semester, and have sign up time separate from enrollment in January.
 - b. Full day 4K
 - i. Teachers have found that 5 full days is very difficult for the kids. Teachers have decided we will not offer 5 full days of 4K next year. Discussed how full day 4K fits with New Morning Philosophy.
 - ii. Check in with full day families to see how the pilot program is going. Children in 5 full days can be given the option to change how many days they attend next semester.
 - c. Lunch Bunch & Summer tuition

- i. Lunch bunch – Agreed to increase lunch bunch tuition by a higher percentage compared to regular tuition.
 - ii. Summer – Agreed to increase summer school tuition by a higher percentage than regular tuition. Also discussed the option of an outdoor learning program for kids going into Oak or leaving Oak. Same schedule as regular summer school, but primarily an outdoor program.
- 4. President Update (Amanda - 5 minutes)
 - a. Communication/reaching parents – some communication is getting missed by parents. **Add signs saying no nuts to the snack bins. Send extra emails if needed for important safety concerns.**
- 5. Vice President Update (Anneke - 5 minutes)
 - a. Forward Madison game – 20 tickets sold, resulting in \$100 donated to New Morning.
 - b. NM Merch update – will be ready by 10/23. Anneke will look at what has been popular when restocking the online store for the holidays.
- 6. DEI Update (Alison)
 - a. Coat drive update – Bin was filled and taken by Klinke.
 - b. Halloween costume playdate – Sunday 10/27 9-11am on school playground.
 - c. Anneke is revamping the parenting resources page and creating a DEI page for the NM website.
 - d. Monthly effort on community engagement – the E-news will have information about something going on in the community once per month.