

New Morning Nursery School Board Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025

Attendees: Rebecca Anderson-Brown, Anneke Kingery, Sammie Endean, Karen Sager, Renee Gesch, Courtney Sikorski, Liza Elsaesser, Laura Ronck, Andee Johnson, Patti Thornewell, Alison O'Brien, Kate Megna, Alysa Ninneman, Sara Olien

Agenda

1. Director Update
 - a. Financials
 - i. Balance sheet overview
 - ii. Items purchased with auction funds - new outdoor playground equipment, shade cover for upper playground, bikes and tractors for the gym, Maple lockers.
 - iii. Playground updates - barrier put in to keep mulch from washing away. Looking into a new structure for over the tables on the lower playground.
 - iv. Bridge payments - From July 25-June 26 we will get 80% of what we were getting for childcare counts (\$5000/mo. 50% to go directly to staff). Insurance policy going up at least 25%, looking for a new policy with a different company for \$9500.
 - v. First aid supplies grant - we received \$1600 in grant money from the city to buy an AED for our floor, as well as child size CPR masks, dechoker, other first aid supplies.
 - b. Summer session reflection - new program Nature Explorers went well, teachers would like to repeat in the future. Teachers suggested a structure where students graduating from Oak participate in Nature Explorers, while students entering Oak take part in Oak summer school.
 - c. Enrollment update - 1 spot open in Oak PM, 1 spot open in Willow MWF.
 - d. New Maple lockers/entrance - new lockers will be put in this week.
2. President Update (Anneke - 15 minutes)
 - a. Goals for 2025-2026 school year
 - i. Strengthen committees - DEI, Environmental impact, finance, social, fundraising/auction planning
 - ii. Formalize transition documents for each role - **Anneke will send out a template for transition documents, including contact info, templates used, documenting processes, etc.**
 - b. Review materials
 - i. Family feedback - 31 responded to family survey. Results were positive, and families expressed an interest in a book club and enrichment programs.

- ii. [Board handbook](#) - Anneke will send out to board.
 - iii. **Dropbox folders** - Anneke will share documents from dropbox with relevant roles.
- c. Procure
 - i. Encouraging fewer transactions - we are charged roughly \$1 per transaction. **We can give families the option to pay by semester or by year in order to reduce the number of transactions.**
 - ii. Tracking work days - looking at an option to track co-op requirement in Procure. Board voted to approve adding additional ways to meet co-op requirement.
 - 1. [List](#) of alternative ways to meet co-op requirement.
- d. Upcoming schedule
 - i. Back to School events
 - 1. Work days
 - a. Playground Clean Up: Saturday 8/16, 9-11am
 - b. Classroom Clean Up: Tuesday 8/19, 5-8pm
 - 2. Back to School Night: Wednesday 8/20, 6:30-8:30pm
 - 3. Open Houses: Thursday 8/21
 - 4. First Days of School: Week of 8/25 - no lunch bunch this week
 - 5. No School: Friday 8/29 and Monday 9/1
 - 6. Back to School Coffees
 - a. Wednesday 9/3, 8:30-9:30am and 1-2pm
 - b. Thursday 9/4, 8:30-9:30am
 - 7. Picnic and Ice Cream Social: Wednesday 9/17, 5:30-7pm
- 3. Vice President Update
 - a. Upcoming fundraisers
 - i. Mabel's Labels - **will post on social media.** Link is on New Morning website.
 - ii. Merch Store - **Alison will organize merch sales in September and December.**
 - iii. Forward soccer game October - will not repeat this year.
- 4. ENews Update
 - a. Timing of first E-News
 - i. Sunday 9/7 with first teacher newsletters the following week (9/14)
- 5. Health and Wellness Committee (Liza)
 - a. This committee will focus on the following: provide resources to families focused on health, events focused on wellbeing, support families in times of need, help Rebecca review health policies.
 - b. Will officially add to our list of committees.
- 6. Other updates
 - a. DEI Update (Alyssa) - Night Mares fundraiser went well.
 - b. Environmental action committee - contact Amy if interested in joining.