

ISLAND MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES 03.06.13

In attendance: Jill, Christina, Steve, Karla, Stephanie, Michael, and Jennifer
Absent: Kemmy, Jeremy, and Melinda

IM Montessori Charter School Meeting was called to order at 6:38p.m. by Jennifer.

Motion was made Jill, seconded by Stephanie, to approve the previous meeting minutes. The board approved unanimously.

CHARTER UPDATE:

Jennifer tried listening to the SBE meeting today but could not due to poor audio. We should have an update by tomorrow afternoon if we received our final approval for Charter status.

501 3 C:

We officially received our 501 3 c status!! Thanks, Kemmy!

BYLAW AMENDMENT:

Steve motioned to approve the bylaw revisions as written by Michael. Second by Jill, unanimously agreed.

Facilities Update:

Steve attended the public meeting last night and reviewed the updated site plans with us. Residents had a few concerns about changing the zoning to institutional.

A traffic impact study was done with DOT this morning. Steve is a little concerned about total cost. DOT is concerned about the proposed drop off lane. WE have to be able to “stack” so many cars on our property due to traffic pattern on College Road. In order to avoid congestion we need to get as many cars on our property as possible. Discussions ensued regarding drop off dilemmas, parking, and possible solutions. We are also facing some budget issues with these transportation costs. Tomorrow, Steve meets with the Planning and Zoning committee, along with Dave Edmonds and Tunstall.

[Michael joined the meeting at 6:51pm.]

Steve presented the new site plans from the architect. Heavy discussions ensued. Another concern that was not brought up in the original budget is up fitting of the classrooms – sinks, closets/storage, and cubbies. Steve spoke with Greg Reynolds and it is possible to add sinks but we have to incorporate these into the plans now. The big question is budget but if we wait and do sinks in phase 2 it would costs twice as much. Christina mentioned an idea about adding a fundraising tab to our website and explore donation opportunities for the classroom needs from parents, etc. Steve also suggested trying to bring down the costs by incorporating volunteers to help reduce costs (like painting). **Steve asked everyone to look at the**

drawings and add their “wishes” to the plans and label the rooms so the facilities committee can take these to the architect now.

Marketing/ HR Committee:

The committee met last week. They have been making updates to the website and adding Facebook events. They have also established the lottery. They are making talking points to those attending the open houses and will email them in the days before the meeting. This Friday is our first open house and will be held on the island so we expect a large turn out. Stephanie has press releases ready to go and we are anticipating meeting all of the families. Steve asked about how do we reach those 4th and 5th grade students. Stephanie encouraged anyone who knows 4th and 5th graders and ask them to come check out the open houses.

Academic Committee:

Jennifer would like to confirm a meet and greet with Brian Corrigan and the board next Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30pm. The board is welcome to come meet him, get to know him, and ask questions. He is currently the front-runner for the Head of School position. Discussions ensued regarding payroll budget and FTE positions.

Lottery application is almost finished. **Open houses are on Facebook -- Reminder to sign up if you have not already.**

Fundraising Committee:

Stephanie updated us on the status of the Eshelman Foundation grant. She is really excited about the prospect of the grant and is hopeful it will work out for us.

EC:

Jill met a potential parent that would like to speak to Karla about how Montessori would fit the needs of their special need child. The board agreed that there were no issues with Karla speaking to parents. Karla had a few questions regarding site plans and space for a special needs room. Jennifer helped explain the layout so Karla had a better idea.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Steve, seconded by Stephanie. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:00pm.

And then --- The next meeting after that will be April 17th, at 6:00pm.