

Helena Public Montessori Parents, Inc.

*Join us as we support and advocate for public Montessori education*

**HPMP Meeting notes**

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

**5:30-6:30 pm**

**Central-Linc Elementary School**

Attendees: Past President Erin Turner, Secretary Erin Lanigan, Co-President Perri May, Alan Woodmansey, Broadwater Principal Sue Sweeney, Piper Lynch, Laura Ferguson, Co-President Tiffany Lyden, Secretary Heather Nicholson

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was opened with introductions.

Secretary’s Report

All thank-yous have been sent

Treasurer’s Report

Balance 13,641.07

Principal’s Report

* Sue Sweeney has taken over as the lead administrator for the Helena Public Montessori program.
* We are moving forward with the idea of a summer camp fundraiser for HPMP, as we can use a school building. HPMP would pay for teachers and supplies.
* Sue has asked to have Montessori professional development classes in January and February. This request has not yet been approved.
* 3,333 per Montessori pod (two lower and one upper elementary) at Broadwater, Smith and Central-Linc has been given by the district for materials.
* It is time to start thinking about the Montessori Lottery for this spring

Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Report

* Alan Woodmansey is the Smith representative

HPMP Goals

* Diana Hammer has a copy of a letter outlining the goals of HPMP
* Expansion is always our goal

Teacher Scholarships/Montessori Materials

* Ms. Bangert is supportive of Montessori
* Is a Kindergarten Montessori a possible move?
* We want to use the money we raise to offer continuing education to current teachers and others interested
* We are working toward formalizing a funding policy

Governor’s Pre-K Initiative – www.earlyedge.mt.gov

* HPMP sent a letter to the Board of Public Education

HPMP Facebook Page/Social Media

* Piper is working to access and update the HPMP Facebook page and use it to post updates on 25 Years of Montessori

Potential Events/Fundraisers for 2015

* Karaoke Night
* Film Festival
* Kidworks
* Spring Thing
* 25 Years of Montessori
* Summer Camps
* A meeting will be held on January 5 specifically to plan for fundraisers

**The next meeting will be Monday, February 2 at 5:30 pm at Central-Linc School.**

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