



HELENA PUBLIC MONTESSORI PARENTS, INC.

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world" - Dr. Maria Montessori

HPMP Meeting Agenda Minutes Central Elementary School - 1325 Poplar St.

**Monday, November 6, 2017
5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Thomas Baty, Alan Woodmansey, Jill Nyman, Piper Lynch, Annie Tague, Tony Napoletano, Katy Wright, Erin Lanigan, Sonja Nowakowski, Tiffany Lyden, Megan Field

Secretary's Report: Megan will be mailing out thank you notes to all of the donors from the Materials Fundraiser/Ice Cream Social in September.

Treasurer's Report: Final amounts (approx. \$4000 + \$1670 from fundraiser) have been spent towards new materials. Bank balance approx. \$14,000.

Principals' Report: Jill reported Smith Elementary Montessori teachers are wonderful at sharing and integrating their lessons with other teachers. Some new routines are being tried out.

Original Works: Erin will be collecting art work and orders from schools - still have until the 19th to submit. HPMP and the school parent council organizations will benefit from the generated profits. Looking for someone to take the lead with this position next year.

Montessori Preschool Update: There will be a presentation about the preschool at the January School Board meeting.

Workshop: Katy Wright spoke about National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector (NCMPS) Leaders Workshop - a webinar consisting of 10, 50 minute sessions. Interest from various teachers/administrators, so further info will be gathered for future sessions.

Continuing Education: American Montessori Society (AMS) Conference takes place March 22-25, 2018, in Denver. Several Montessori teachers from Helena are planning to attend. HPMP will consider helping with lodging costs once the numbers have been determined.

Classroom Materials: A big "thank you" to Piper Lynch, with help from Annie Tague, for ordering all of the materials (a total of 69 materials purchased!). Teachers are excited to be receiving the new materials. Wren is working on having a "wish list" available on the HPMP web page.

Email/Website/FB Communication: Testing different ways of getting the word out for attending meetings, donating, news and information. Sending announcements through mail chimp. Our website is going to be overhauled and cleaned up possibly in January.

Teacher/Board Meet & Greet: January meet & greet TBD

Other News: A bittersweet goodbye to Erin Lanigan - who along with her boys and husband, Matt, are relocating to Coeur d'Alene, ID. Good luck to the Lanigans as they start a new adventure - they leave behind tremendous shoes to fill within the Montessori community!

Next meeting will be Monday, December 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Central School.