

Isthmus Montessori Academy Public
Governance Council Meeting Agenda

Date: 11/18/21

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual Google Meet

[Link to Board Training](#)

[Link to Recruitment and Diversity Resource](#)

Time	Item	Actions
4:30 pm	Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call: Andrew Tolstedt, Kjerstin Gurda, Jeff Bowen, Maureen Anderson, Melissa Droessler, Carrie Marlette
	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unanimous approval
	Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
	Heads of School Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• elementary and primary go to school night was this week, felt like the old days, educators had forgotten how fun it is to watch the students give lessons to their families• busy with information sessions, attendance has increased, enrollment has grown back up this year• IB program is official• covid testing going weekly on Tuesdays• a developed culture of work and goodness in every classrooms• AB mentioned

		<p>gratitude for admin and support staff</p>
	<p>Discussion and Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capital Campaign: MA has been compiling a list of places to contact. MA is looking to make a video and try to build the committee. Difficulties meeting people in the community due to covid. Looking to reach out via bi-weekly update. ● AB said there is a family looking to get the FTO up and running. Volunteered she attend and invited MA to attend. No set date, timeline is soon. ● Postcard Campaign ● MD asked about timeframe. AT said we wanted to use it to supplement enrollment during the lottery. AB said we could start some of the work before (gathering demographics and producing the postcards) Date of lottery is Feb. 15. AT and AB will get together to look at a timeline. ● GC Elections: We will need to elect new student representative and another community member as JB's term is ended. AB will introduce to

		<p>the AD community this week and do election after thanksgiving break.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recruitment/enrollment discussion. KG solicited all of the community orgs that we had on the list before enrollment deadline last year. Had zoom meetings with eastside community center. Started convo with some folks. A few things came up when talking with community centers. They had concerns about conflict of interest with MMSD community schools if they are sharing about IMAP. Our breaks don't line up with MMSD so some parents in the community might need those times covered as the centers operate on a different calendar. People asked about care during breaks. Goodman, to receive funding needs to serve a certain amount of children from certain MMSD● Idea of compensation for parent ambassador. how to get diverse parent ambassador group to spread info.● people KG met with
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		<p>would be happy to pass out flyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Impression of the school is that it's pretty white, some impression of the school as not many boundaries, not the same structure, KG talked about supporting independence , concerns about special ed services and higher behavior challenges. also a concern is about "skimming the cream" out from community schools (taking the best learners i.e. poaching)● KG also said there was question about bussing to new areas and that bus availability was appreciated● some confusion about what part of IMAP is private and what is public, KG was asked about tuition at every meeting MD said this is a common question● another question KG got was language access, serving hmong community, spanish learners MD says we have based our hiring on enrollment, our highest dual language is spanish● many people loved the idea of mixed age
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		<p>classrooms, independent learning during the work cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● many people were interested in experiencing the environment, remove some barriers like running a shuttle, offering gas cards or bus fare, MD will talk to Nora tomorrow ● MD wants to find ways to involve families and learners in this kind of outreach. share the experience, not just the mission and vision. KG would like to reach out and we can have staff reach out to her ● KG asked about shifting lottery procedures and the timeline of when we would have to do that. MD will reach out to OEO (charter authorizer) and our legal team, thinking about adding in "preference" to our lottery process ● Next meeting date January 6 3:30
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