

Montessori PTO Meeting 6/18/2008

***Minutes***

Linda Flynn presentation 6:00-6:10. Toddler lesson

Recognition was give to Amy McKean and the volunteers who worked to get the toddler playground equipment in place.

***Principals Report***

Angela Camp speaking about car line. Mr. Rob Lowes of TCAPS here to discuss car line. Initial car line plan was not safe or efficient. Immediately Angela called in assistance to rework car line plan. Several other elementary school principals and administration worked together to redo the plan. It was determined to move lower elementary to the south side of the building. Traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> street has improved significantly as a result of the changes.

City Engineer Tim Lodge commented to the city's involvement to try and help regulate what can be regulated for traffic flow.

Rob Lowes from TCAPS introduces the idea of walking school busses. Initially begun for drop off and potentially extended to pick up depending on the success of the program. They are looking for support of the idea and volunteers.

Map of the neighborhood area will be posted on the information board outside the office to highlight the area side walks.

Safety patrol is being established. They are only for walkers, not for traffic. Safety patrol is for traffic control and is paid for by the city and TCAPS. They can look into whether or not this is feasible/necessary.

The fenced area for the toddler playground area is being extended to include a shade tree to meet state code.

Michelle Turner motioned to accept Pres, VP, and Treasurer. Dan Mello seconded. Motion passed.

***Treasurer's report***

Balance is approximately \$17,000 with current deposits (\$11,708 current balance with about \$5k in deposits today). Dan is going to email out a sample budget to those who are interested and there will be a virtual discussion to construct the budget and present it at the next regular PTO meeting.

Ellen Kohler moved to approve the treasurer's report and Kimberly Lampman seconded. Motion passed.

***Committee Updates***

Amy McKean gave an update on the school grounds. Next project is to get wood chips in the main playground area. Next project idea is to put grass in the soccer field. We are getting a committee together to assist with the

Ellen Kohler with the dining update. Starting committee to work on the various issues.

Great idea to have kids on committees.

Field day. 31 in the morning and 10 in the afternoon.

Tom Kachdurian will chair a library committee.

We need upper elementary team sports and volunteers to coach them. Need to let parents know that we need a team athletic director (volunteer). Will work with Patty.

Dan Mello moved to approve \$300 for the extended daycare program Carrie Urbane seconded. Motion passed.

Laura Garneau volunteered to be the PTO secretary. Melissa Dow motioned to accept Laura, Dan Mello seconded, motion passed.

Sheryl Beeman will coordinate outdoor toys for the classrooms.

Melissa moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded. Motion passed.