

MONTESSORI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

9/10/09

In attendance: Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Fesler, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Husty, Mrs. Nguyen, Dr. Panke, Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Siegfried, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Weilbacker, Mrs. Wiblin and Mrs. Wolfe.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. in the Montessori House.

Mrs. Siegfried reported that the August Open House went very well and that Montessori had a nice turn out. The Orientation Weeks had the usual ups and downs expected at the beginning of the school year. She reiterated that it is imperative to have this time period to reacquaint returning children with the Montessori format and to teach new students how things are done at the House. This process facilitated an easier transition after Labor Day when all students began their regular schedules.

The Fall Field Trip is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at Raemelton Farms. All permission slips and information will go out soon. This is a fun activity for Montessori students only. No siblings are invited to attend and only one adult chaperone per child is requested.

There will be a New Parent Orientation on October 7<sup>th</sup> (part 1) and on October 21<sup>st</sup> (part 2) at 7 p.m. at Montessori. New and returning parents are encouraged to attend. The first night will include the downstairs works, social studies, science, health and art. On the second evening, the upstairs works will be highlighted and will include numbers, reading and language arts.

The Halloween Party is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Karin Manning is coordinating the event with volunteers who have signed up to help.

The volunteer forms are all due back on September 18.

The Pick-up/Drop-off Procedure has gone well. Everyone is abiding by the procedure in the parking lot and on Mulberry Street and it seems it has gone better than last year.

All student fees are due on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please, make checks payable to "St. Peter's Montessori".

There are no teacher concerns at this time. They report that returning students are doing a good job and new students are learning the routine.

There was no Education Commission Report since they will not meet until next week.

Works out this month for new students include shapes, letters and colors. Returning students (4 y.o.) are doing sounds and beaded paper.

There are currently 89 enrolled students (47 in the morning and 42 in the afternoon). We are expecting a few students in November when they turn 3.

The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.