

BIRCH LANE MONTESSORI PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2009, 7PM

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I. **Introductions:** The meeting started at 7:50 with introductions all around. 8 attending.

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II. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** All attending reviewed the November's Minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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III. **Unfundraiser Update:** We have earned about \$7300 in addition to the \$1300 we gave the 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade classes last year. We are handing it over to the Birch Lane School for the teachers to buy materials for the Montessori 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

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**IV. Teachers Reports:**

Sarah Graybar: Her Montessori training is going well. She brought in a letter from one of her first graders who are enjoying the computer lab, art, recess, farm job, and yoga. She especially likes the new art teacher.

Peggy Seidel: She is having her ninth annual Winter Sing tomorrow. This is an event where the children sing songs and get to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. The students have planted plants in the new garden bed. Her students are enjoying their new big buddies from Mrs. Palow's class. Math is a high interest activity as well as sewing pillows. Her students are doing PE with Mrs. Graybar's class.

Lakshmi Aradhya: Her class has raised \$150 for Pennies for Peace. The school raised \$630.

Carole Hughes and Sally Palow: The students in Palow's class are spelling bee champions. Both Hughes and Palow's students went to the tall ships fieldtrip in Old Town Sacramento.

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**V. Principal's Report:** Kathy Tyzzer

- Things are going well.
- The Montessori Plan money can be held with the school's funds. Stay handles the accounts. MPAC can also store their money with the district, but the district only writes checks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Kathy will talk to Vicki Carr about the Montessori Website.
- They had the fastest fire drill ever last week.

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## VI. Officer Reports:

Emily Ault—Co-President.

- IMAC fundraiser put on hold indefinitely.
- Davis Diamonds fundraiser will be held on February 13 in the day and evening.
- The Round Table fundraiser was a disaster because they booked several other events on the same evening and was not able to handle the volume of pizzas ordered, nor had places for people to sit to eat dinner. We earned \$300. They have given us the option to book the whole place and make 30%.
- Idea for new event is Game Night.

Jen Boschee-Danzer—Co-President

- Jen submitted the forms to have a Farmer's Market tabled on 1/23, 2/6, and 2/27.

Julia Huddleson—Secretary and Parent Education Committee

- We held off on the T-shirt orders because of the school t-shirt sale. Look for the order form in late January

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53.