

Presidents report Dec.13th 2006

SD71:

Discussed our TOC and teacher hiring issue for next year with Allan Douglas.

Britta working on getting SD 71 to start search for a qualified Montessori teacher prior to registration for the next classroom. This process is work in progress and I'm hoping to have SD71 on board with this by the end of January.

CVMS has been asked to give a short presentation to the COW meeting on Jan.16th 2007, about the progress and sustainability of our program. This presentation will focus on children learning in the Montessori classroom, CVMS commitment to the district and the program as well as advertising for the program. By the end of our presentation we are hoping to have our initial challenge (finding another qualified Montessori teacher) addressed and being looked after in a timely manner by SD 71.

Dates for the Montessori info night and registration have not been released, yet. You will be informed as soon as we receive the info from SD 71.

Britta attended the first of two District Grade Configuration workshops on Monday Dec.11th, at Mark Isfeld Sec.

The process for a District grade configuration started in October 2002 and will be finalized in March 2007 with a vote by the Trustees. The implementation of the new Grade configuration will be for September 2008.

Due to decline enrollment this process of Grade reconfiguration is necessary to maximize educational resources and continue to strive for the excellence in education in SD 71.

Any Grade configuration will force the district to close more schools by June 2008. Currently we have 1865 empty seats in our schools (\$ 10.8 Million).

I would like to encourage to you inform yourself about choices and preferences in Grade configuration and actively participate in the decision making progress. Please visit the SD website, research the subject and voice your opinion. Be proactive in your child's education.

CVMS

CVMS newsletter and new brochure to come out early next week.

Scott Greenfield asked to be removed as a director from the CVMS board.

Thank you everyone on the board for their input and hard work on our new brochure.

Our brochure is a work in progress and will evolve and change as our program grows.

The brochure helps us to inform and educate the community about our program and recruit future parents.

Every Montessori parent will receive a brochure with the newsletter next week.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and always welcome.

As for the first three-month in 2007 we have a lot of work to accomplish.

Montessori Blueprint: we will have several brainstorming sessions to develop a Blue print (handbook) for parents. We are hoping that this will help to prepare parents and children better for the entry into the Montessori classroom and school in general. Please give us your feedback and ideas to help future parents and children with an easy transition (dates for brainstorming sessions to be announced in Dec. newsletter).

We would like to focus our fundraising efforts on involving the children more. This will make the children active participants in their education and will help our Society to work better together as a group for the group. Please bring your ideas forward via email or come and join us for our brainstorming sessions in January (dates to be announced in Dec. newsletter).

Budget brainstorming meeting in January as well (dates to be announced in Dec. newsletter). Please come or email and have your say.

Prepare presentation for the Cow meeting and the upcoming info night.

CVMS advertises for new teacher.

Thank you Gail for looking after ad (job opportunity) for a Montessori teacher in the BCMA newsletter.

Britta contacted today the following Montessori training centers for more info on recruiting certified Montessori teachers: VTI, SFU, Angela Martin training Center.

Also contacted Montessori teachers in New West and asked for help with networking.

Thank you Anne, Al Pullin, CVMS boardmembers and parents/ caregivers of the program for your ongoing support.