

TAPAS

Minutes Nov 5, 2009

Attending: Lisa Keck, president; Tina Kachele, secretary; Marcie Amendolagine, Bonnie Dodge, Karen 'Cal' Wright, Debbie Kenny, Alison Kerr, Denise Lucero Lopez, Linda Freeman, Julie Saiz, Debbie Rott, Heidi Fredine.

Ms. Debbie: is now working in a 6-9 classroom & thinking about the number 3. Montessori Minute about the magic of threes--Handout attached.

Treasurer was not able to attend today. Her mother died & other demands kept her away.

Foundation: Planning a Grandparents day around valentine's day... more info to come. Contact Roxanne Gonzales for more info or to volunteer to help.

Faculty report: no news this month

Pizza Day: We have our environmental health permit; we need warm storage or...? Pizza bags are an option but they don't maintain the required temperature. Need to keep a temperature log: when pizza arrives, when we are done serving. Options: buy a warmer (@\$500-700); heat lamps--unsure if these maintain temp. A warmer can be used for other things. Permit covers any food event for the year. If we can serve pizza faster, temp will stay constant. Takes about 45 mins to serve in the multi-purpose room. Seeking suggestions for how to maintain temp at 135 degrees.

Suggestions: need a parent per class to help serve more quickly. Then no need for a food log or warmer b/c pizza is served immediately.

Will serve pizza once a month Nov 20 & Dec 11, then revisit in the new year. Will serve in the classrooms, class parents to ask for a volunteer for each class.

\$2 per slice; \$1 ea add'l slice.

Teacher appreciation: Cal handed out schedule of suggestions for each month. All suggestions appreciated & welcomed. All are on board.

Book Fair: Heidi: plan is to use the multi-purpose room on Nov 11, 3:30-5:30. Will set up starting at 1:30.

Concerns: a lot of stuff in the multi-purpose room; library is hard to get to; portable has aftercare kids. Possible to use the deck? Teachers' lounge? Office/conference room?

We'll use the Deck: let people know so they can dress appropriately; Viviana to be aware that other kids will be on the playground. No entertainer available for this time.

In case of rain, use office/conference room & lounge.

In spring: organize an evening at Flying Star/Bookworks, or similar.

Bookworks will have wide variety & selection for all ages...

TAPAS will get 10% after the first \$500 in sales.

Scripts:

Sunflower: Roxanne turning in 501(c)(3); it's a gift card process. Cards come in \$10, \$25 & \$50. TAPAS gets a percentage. Roxanne will put a flyer together -- put Sunflower & Coop on one flyer.

For Sunflower: will get \$500 in gift cards to start.

Care for a Square: Marcie

Have 7 of 11 spots assigned. Still left: parking lot (2 slots), navajo garden, playground 1 & 2. Generally moving along nicely.

Wetlands: On Oct. 16th & 17th teachers did a clean-up. It was filling in, very little water was left, it was/is in a state of some decay. It began with a 10 year grant; initial plantings were funded & monitored. Reeds began to naturally take over the water. Mr. Moss is now managing & creating a plan to better manage the wetlands to highlight typical NM environments, also trying to get our wetlands identified as a wild life sanctuary. Trying to get a grant again from Fish & Game Dept.

Need to decide now whether to drain the water. Need to kill most of the reeds. Needs to be cleaned and rejuvenated. Roots & Shoots tested the water this year and it's not in good shape.

Should TAPAS fund this effort? Could Moss present a proposal for support? Cal will talk to Moss that we would like to support his efforts in the wetlands.

In the grand plan for the school, the wetlands space will become part of upper elementary outdoor space.

Handyman sign-up: Not much response so far... Bonnie would like parents to email her if they are available to help so she can have a list of people to contact when she needs simple work done around the school.

General clean-up day: We need to have a big clean-up as soon as all the leaves drop.

First one to be on Jan 9, 2010 with a weiner roast in fire pits. Cal, Marcie, Bonnie to organize.

Govt Relations: Alison Kerr: Governor called special session re: budget shortage and impact on education. APS came out better than expected. Question for the session: cut funds or raise revenue? APS hit with one (or two?) percent cut to effect administration but not classrooms. In January, legislature will meet for a one month budgetary session. No revenue raising measures were passed so no new revenue will be seen before summer 2010.

Questions:

How do we, as a school, put mechanisms in place to alert families and get support for bond measures, etc. coming up?

** We want to push for revenue enhancements in Jan. legislative session.

** Mill levy bond coming up will seriously impact the school... if this bond goes thru, MRGC will get a large allocation of funds. We will want to do a door to door campaign in support of this mill levy.

NM Charter Schools Conference: Roxanne is going to attend. Bonnie and two teachers will also attend and most of the Council will attend on Saturday. \$225 registration to be reimbursed from Tapas budget for Roxanne's attendance. Conference speakers to address the Charter movement, funding issues, etc.

Next steps re: TAPAS goals from Stakeholders Meeting:

Goals:

- continue montessori education for parents
- develop system of communication between TAPAS, Foundation & MRGC faculty
- community building & fundraising events

We will begin addressing one goal per month, with action plan, asking for ideas by next month's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned about 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Kachele
Secretary, TAPAS

TAPAS Teacher Appreciation Activities, MRGC 2009-2010

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| <p><u>November</u></p> <p>Giving Thanks Why I am thankful for Ms/Mr _____</p> <p>All classes participate. Families and students and other staff can place a comment in a basket for each staff member. Cal will supply baskets.</p> | <p><u>December</u></p> <p>Stay Warm Families from Ian and Sabrina's classes bring in boxes of tea, hot chocolate, gourmet coffee or apple cider to the kitchen on December 11. These items will re-stock the shelves of the kitchen so staff can enjoy a warm drink for the winter</p> | <p><u>January</u></p> <p>Souper Tuesday Lunch Moss/Matt's class bring soup and/or salad (before 11:30 AM) for teachers on their inservice day, January 19.</p> | <p><u>February</u></p> <p>A Hole in a Roll Breakfast Salima/Ben's class bring in juice and coffee and bagels (before 9:00 AM) for teachers on their inservice day, February 15.</p> |
| <p><u>March</u></p> <p>Pie Day Families from Heather/Lauren's class bring round pizza pies and salad/drinks for the staff for lunch on March 11 to celebrate Pie Day, 3.14</p> <p>Hopefully, it will be a planned pizza day for the school, as well, so all can celebrate!</p> | <p><u>April</u></p> <p>Munch Mania Families from Mary/Amanda's class bring snacks (chips, vegetable tray, cheese and crackers, nuts) and cold drinks for staff on April 5, an inservice day (Time TBA by class parent).</p> | <p><u>May</u></p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-7, 2010 TAPAS will sponsor activities for teachers in this week. See attached.</p> <p>Clean Car Day Students from Rob/Amanda's class wash cars of staff, May 7, 12:30-2:00. Parents of students in the class are available to supervise.</p> | <p><u>June</u></p> |

TAPAS Teacher Appreciation Week Activities

May 3-7, 2010

- May 3:
 - Thank you poster or giant card will be at the front of the school for families and students to add words of thanks with markers.
 - Staff will be asked to bring a baby photo, which will be posted on a wall in the breezeway for students to guess who is who.
 - In April, staff will be asked to complete a form asking for facts about them. These will be posted during the week.
 - In April, students will be asked to complete a form to answer the following question about their teachers and assistants...
What do you appreciate most about Ms/Mr _____?
What that your teacher has said has really stuck with you?
If Ms/Mr _____ was a cartoon character, who would s/he be? Why?
These comments will be shared at the teacher appreciation reception
- In April, teachers and assistants will be asked to answer the question, “If I had only one wish, it would be...” Then, on
May 4, Poster paper will be provided and class parents will be asked to have other parents volunteer to lead an activity where small groups of students illustrate its teacher’s wish. These paintings/drawings will be displayed outside the door of the classroom.
- May 5-No pick up lane available at the end of school. From 3:15-3:45, TAPAS will host a reception in honor of teachers that will be attended by students, teachers, and families. Please come shake a hand and say thanks to staff of MRGC. Families will be asked to bring desserts and fruits/vegetables to add to our “Table of Thanks”.
- May 6, gourmet coffee, special teas, and special drinks will be available in the teacher lounge.
- May 7, students in Mr.Rob/Amanda’s class will be available to wash vehicles/bikes of staff from 12:30-2:00.