

## Fernwood Fund Board Meeting Minutes (08/23/2023)



### Fernwood Montessori School Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2023 at 6:30pm

Location: Google Meet

Attendees: Ben Stocks, David Eskra, Paul Schwartz, Maia Schwartz, Brett Mytys, Sam Skizycki, Lorinda Flores, Katrina Davis, Angela Hill, Eric van Schyndle, Molly Pufall, Principal Lowell

Absent: None

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Parent Meetings

- Open house on August 30th, table at the Outdoor Classroom. Ben will participate, potentially Paul or Maia.
- Meeting for new primary parents on August 31st, Ben will present.
- Social informational meeting to be scheduled where new parents can engage and ask questions about assisting with the fund
- **Action:** Paul and Maia offered to host the social event, they will provide some options for week of September 11th

#### 2. Meeting Calendar for 2023 / 2024 School Year

- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th
- January 9th
- February 20th
- March 12th
- April 9th
- May 14th
- June 12th
- All meetings at 6:30

#### 3. Board Members

- Board content adjusted for staff members and parents who departed
- Board roster:
  - Principal Lowell
  - Ben Stocks (President)
  - Molly Pufall (Vice President)
  - Sam Skizycki (Secretary)
  - Brett Mytys (Treasurer)
  - David Eskra (parent member at large)
  - Eric van Schyndle (parent member at large)

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- Paul or Maia Schwartz (parent member at large)
  - Lorinda Flores (staff)
  - Katrina Davis (staff)
  - Angela Hill (staff)
  - Bylaws stipulate a board of between 9 and 17 members, including the principal and at least two other staff with staff not making up more than 49% of the board
  - New roster board is 11 members including 3 staff and the principal which puts voting quorum at 6 board members
4. Board Financials
- Present projections estimate the fund will have \$32,000 left after the committed items for 2023/2024
  - The committed items for 2023/2024 include: Schlitz Audubon field trips, Urban Ecology field trips, Arts in Community (ACE) Program, and a spring music concert
  - Potential new items for 2023 / 2024 could include: an 8th grade trip, a musical theater program, repairs to the greenhouse, and an expansion of the funding for Camp Edwards into Nature's Classroom
  - The greenhouse costs could be shared between the school, camp and the fund which could bring that commitment down closer to \$10,000
  - The costing for Nature's Classroom is unknown but likely will require an increase above the approximate \$5,000 spent in 2022 / 2023 for Camp Edwards