Minutes

Vision- Pete will be providing a couple different vision statements to be voted on at the next meeting Thursday April, 23. The focus will be on the academic, social and emotional aspects of the school.

Parent Education- Andrea will be making a calendar with events for the year and focusing on ways to have open communication with parents and faculty.

Marketing- Tara & Marie are creating a school Facebook page, the page will be private. The purpose of this page is to allow parents to connect more and develop a community inside and outside of the school. By building this type of community the hope is that parents will feel emotionally connected to the school. The marketing plan will emphasize the importance of the Montessori 3 year cycle, to encourage parents to complete the 3 year cycle, a reduced rate incentive or locked in tuition rate will be offered to complete this cycle.

Extracurricular- On Monkey Survey there will be a 10 question survey regarding what opportunities you would like to see at the school and the expected cost for each program. After feedback is received a decision will be made about what programs will be added in the future. Currently SSMS has partnered with Jump Start Sports for a 6-8 week program held Thursday April 30th - May 28th from 3:30-4:30pm.

Placement- A questionnaire will be developed to focus on what parents would like to see at open houses and how to make newcomers feel welcome. We want the message to be consistent by bringing in the faculty to represent the school.

At meeting ended with a few highlights from Montessori conference that was attended by the faculty. The book, “All Joy, No Fun” by Jennifer Senior was recommended to give insight on how children view learning. There was discussion on how to provide our students more access to knowledge, such as articles and journals through our public library system to foster their interest. Develop a buddy system by pairing middle school student with lower elementary student for certain projects. Activities and future workshops may include Field Day, International Peace Day, or Continent Day, this allows families to come and share information about their culture to celebrate our schools diversity.