

Second Montessori Naming Committee Meeting
Tue. October 17, 2018

Attendees:

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| 1. Montessori Program Principal | Catharina Genove |
| 2. Montessori Program Parent, Drew | Kia Haynes |
| 3. Montessori Teacher, Gunston Middle School | Nikole Joshi |
| 4. Montessori Program Parent, Carlin Springs | Susanna Nawrocki |
| 5. Arlington Heights Civic Association Representative | Kristi Sawert |
| 6. At-Large Community Member (non-Montessori) | Kathleen Trainor |
| 7. Staff Liaison (Non-Voting) | Dulce Carrillo* |

Absent:

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| 1. Parent, Arlington Montessori Action Committee | Sarah Botha |
| 2. Montessori Program Parent, Hoffman-Boston | Julia McBride |
| 3. Montessori Teacher, Drew | Shevina Wilmore |
| 4. Montessori Guidance Counselor | Diane Reeser |
| 5. Penrose Civic Association Representative | Andy Greenwood |

Principal Cathy Genove welcomed everyone and started the meeting with self-introductions of committee members present.

Genove stated that the goal of today's meeting is to narrow down the list of names to five options that will be sent to community members to weigh in via a survey. Three names seem too few.

There was a question about the "Monarch" theme. Genove recounted that Laila Ross started a butterfly frenzy. During the opening of school, there was professional development around it. Every class got a butterfly habitat, planted milk weed in gardens, collected caterpillars. Instead of Halloween, the classes celebrate butterflies migrating from Canada to Mexico. At Drew, Kia created letterhead with butterfly theme.

Next, Committee members worked as a group to eliminate names based on a variety of criteria. Some that did not meet School Board criteria, others did not have a connection to Montessori. For example:

- Suggestion to cross off name recommendations without the word "Montessori"
- Remove "Capital Area Montessori" because it's too close to the existing school name Capitol Hill Montessori

Committee members also reflected on the initials of the five names selected to ensure no overlap or awkward set of initials.

- Avoid AMI or AMS because of the different Montessori accreditation institutions (We want accreditation for the new school)
- Mary Marshall Montessori has too many "M"s

Names to include in survey:

- Monarch Montessori
- Kathryn Stone Montessori
- Arlington County Montessori School
- Montessori School of Arlington County
- Arlington Public Montessori School

Next steps:

Circulate notes and post online once reviewed by Committee members

Dulce drafts bilingual survey (English/Spanish) with the five names to move forward

- Select survey tool that limits to one response per IP address without requiring personal information
- Add information about names that may need explanation.
 - The Hon. Kathryn H. Stone served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1954-66. She was a woman of vision who lobbied to unite programs at Drew, promoted the Peace Walk and advocated for mental health resources.
 - Various iterations of names convey “County” or “Public” because this will be the first stand-alone public Montessori in the state of Virginia

Share draft survey with Committee. Once approved, begin circulating ASAP. Survey closes on Oct. 29, 2018 at midnight (day before Oct. 30 Committee meeting)

- School & Community Relations circulates survey to all APS Montessori parents, including Drew & Gunston via APS School Talk
- Committee members further circulate survey via Arlington Heights and Penrose Civic Association listservs & mention at Montessori PTA meetings
- Print limited number of surveys in case families request a print copy

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