

MIT General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

MIT Meeting via ZOOM, Wednesday (12/09/20) at 6:30pm [{click here}](#), no DHH interpreter present

Attendees: Kathleen Hodges, Molly Tobias, Gina Gale, Rémy Gutierrez, Nasaa Duncombe, Erica Ballou, Jennifer Tait, Lib Rust, various community members, etc.

Welcome! Tonight's MIT meeting has started, with a link to the [meeting agenda](#) in the chat.

November Meeting Minutes: Kathleen Hodges moved to approve the November minutes, Gina Gail seconded. November minutes passed unanimously.

Principal Report: Kathleen Hodges discussed the realities of some students returning to the school, specifically the DHH students, with the current safety policies regarding COVID-19 in place. Kids either have a paper form, or an online attestation is filled out before arriving at the school. No info on Stage 2 at this time.

Equity Moment: Kendra Anderson presented the equity moment with two videos, the first was "The Risk of Colorblindness", attached [here](#). The second video, "How to Talk to Kids About Race", is attached [here](#).

- The most important thing is to talk to kids about race and equality, acknowledging these differences between people, not ignoring them, which is more problematic. Use these videos as teaching moments to communicate for racial equality education and understanding.

Committee Updates:

- **Giving Tree:** Julie Logosz is organizing for the 2020 annual giving tree, which is gathering online and gift card donations ONLY (due to COVID-19 restrictions) before December 10th, tomorrow, while families will receive gift cards Friday. Link to the Giving Tree is [here](#).
- The online donations proved very convenient for families to give, and also provided receiving families the opportunity to select their gifts for their family, using the cards to personalize the gifts, an option made necessary by the Pandemic. Families will be asked for their feedback, to ensure this new way is the best option moving forward, after the pandemic is over.

Old Business:

- None

Treasury Update: Rémy Gutierrez, MIT Treasurer, explained our current budget.

- Taxes due on the 15th of December, Linda Hood prepared them, ready for signatures.
- Madrona Kids Fund is not active this year, which was a sizable income source.
- Updates on teacher/classroom statements have been sent out.
- Teachers, you have your funds, so spend them.

New Business

- Donation of an already purchased Pacific Science Center program has been offered to an in-need, local school. MIT Chair motioned to offer a second \$500 scholarship for another PSC program to be donated to a second local school that would most benefit from the opportunities, seconded by many people, including Kendra Jackson, Jessica McCrocklin, Gina Gale, Erica Ballou, etc.
 - A total of two (2) \$500 scholarships from the Pacific Science Center to in-need schools Cedar Valley and College Place Elementary.
 - The motion was officially brought forth by Rémy Gutierrez and seconded by Kendra Jackson. A vote was taken and unanimously passed.
 - Kathleen Hodges will communicate with those schools administrators.
- Yearbook Information: Purchase of the yearbook will be available through the Spring, yearbooks will be delivered in the Fall. Previous calls for photos have gone out twice in October to celebrate fall, and more calls will go out, via a Google form, to upload photos from students and families and send in to the different centers.
 - Multiple students in a photo is especially requested, as most photos are of single students.

Upcoming Dates

- MIT General Meeting; January 13th, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom
- Giving Tree donation deadline; December 10, 2020 @ 8PM.