

MIT General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

MIT Meeting via ZOOM, Wednesday (2/10/21) at 6:30pm {[click here](#)}, no DHH interpreter present. Link to chat [here](#).

Attendees: Kathleen Hodges, Molly Tobias, Gina Gale, Rémy Gutierrez, Erica Ballou, Jennifer Tait, Lib Rust, Jamie Palmer, Laura Bernatek, Maura Do, Autumn Waite, Karen Knight, Nasaa Duncombe, and other community members.

Welcome! Tonight's MIT meeting has started, with approval of the January minutes first on the docket.

January Meeting Minutes: Minutes moved to pass by Gina G., motion seconded and January minutes passed unanimously.

Principal Report: Kathleen Hodges discussed the following:

- 1) Grades are in!
- 2) 1 year anniversary of schools closing due to COVID-19 is March 12th. Looking for ideas to celebrate how we have persevered through the pandemic and socially-distanced, remote learning.
- 3) School pictures to happen in Spring with our Photo/yearbook vendor.

Equity Moment: Kathleen H. discussing Black Lives Matter week and Black History month.

1. Different centers using age appropriate curriculum around theme of recognition, including discussions on skin color (primary), recognition of black inventors, Civil Rights, MLK Jr., discussion of Amanda Gorman's Inauguration poem, what is BLM, etc.
2. Assembly on Feb 22nd, with ASL interpreters, for in-school presentation by Tahira. This group does instruction of freedom and civil rights discussion through performance of songs - highly recommended by other area schools. This will connect MLK, Jr. with Black History Month. More info in the weekly community update.

Questions for Kathleen and answers/feedback:

1. Phase 2 for K-2nd graders (Madrona only including 3rd graders) is the next reintroduction, more info to come later.
2. Parents: Let kids struggle to allow them to gain independence and confidence in themselves while doing schoolwork
3. Help kids take control of their emotions and feelings, to help with the transition back into in-person learning
4. Allow kids to have more responsibilities within the home to help them feel more in control

Restaurant Fundraiser: Amanda Potter set up a fundraiser with MOD Pizza (Lynnwood Crossroads) on Feb 24th, 10AM - 10PM, with 20% of the proceeds going to Madrona.

Treasurer update: Remy has been trying different software programs for the treasurer position.

MIT accounting software has been revisited, with QuickBooks (MIT's current software) vs. MoneyMinder, a very intuitive, user-friendly software.

QuickBooks

1. Pros: Already in use, robust accounting software
2. Cons: Complicated for non-accountants, requires a designated laptop, steep learning curve

MoneyMinder

1. Pros: Has read-only capability, set up multiple access accounts, easy to use, online integration, report features, responsive online help through chat
2. Cons: Yearly fee (\$200/year), not the usual software used by accountants

Other Committee updates: Laura Bernatek volunteered to be the Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson this year, online book fair only.

Old Business: NA

New Business: MIT Board has discussed not hiring a volunteer coordinator for the next school year, as Kelly will absorb the duties of background checks, and MIT and other volunteers to absorb the rest of the duties.

School Levy: Vote is on April 27th, 2021. Information on the district website in the chat.

School days: Edmonds school district will not allow snow days, it will be synchronous learning. This will prevent an extension of the school year in June.

Madrona Clothes Drive: February 18th and 19th, Middle school fundraiser/clothes drive. Drop off, touch free/no contact; operates from 1PM-3PM on 2/18 and 4PM-6PM on 2/19, with donations going to "Clothes for Kids". See newsletter entry by Steve Escadon for more information.

Black Lives Matter, Virtual 5K Walk taking place February 26th - 28th, through the Edmonds school district. Information to be sent in the next weekly newsletter. Link to race info [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

- MIT General Meeting; March 10th, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom