

CASA Esperanza Montessori

# August- Parent/Faculty Meeting

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**August 1, 2018/8:30 AM/ Faculty Lounge**

## Executive Officers

Ghenet Mogos, Co-President; Cari Combs & Ghenet Yosief, Vice Presidents; Bryan Lanspery, Treasurer; Kristen King, Secretary

## Members Present:

Sra. Ibis Nunez, Dr. Julie Jailall, Kristen King, Cari Combs, Bryan Lanspery, Ghenet Yosief, Lucretia Griffiths, Niome Krauskopf, Sandra Rodriguez, Claudia Huntanar, Hannah Harrell, Teejay Lanspery, Elizabeth Kasbohm, Debra Perdomo, Teresa Lockhart, Diana Marshall, Sarah Slipsky, Jennifer Fuller, Elizabeth Press

## AGENDA

### Welcome and Call to Order

Ghenet Mogos called the meeting to order at 8:30

### Open Comment

Ghenet Mogos spoke for 2-3 minutes about the vision of the school. Community is the focus this year. PFA will cover the costs of supplying snacks, drinks, etc. so that Casa events do not cost anything for families to participate.

Lucretia Griffiths introduces herself.

### New Business

1. Discussion of Subcommittees: **Ghenent Mogos**
  - a. Form will be sent in Friday folder to list subcommittees and volunteer opportunities that are still available.
2. Discussion of Finances: **Bryan**
  - a. Bryan introduces starting budget this school year of about \$11,000

- b. **About \$3,000 was raised at Meet The Teacher. This will cover the cost of Brainpop and Raz Kidz**
- c. Discussion of purchasing Ipad case covers and insurance for ipads purchased at the end of the last school year.

About 10 ipads were purchased

Diana suggested returning 2-3 ipads to cover the costs of cases and insurance

Senora Nunez states that the school has also received 15 ipads from the Department of Instruction, and those ipads need cases and insurances as well.

### 3. Discussion of Playground: **Lucretia Griffiths**

- a. Lucretia spoke with Amy at Rainbow Room regarding a new playground structure.
- b. There are several structure options.

Very large structure is \$17,000.

Small size structure is \$7,000.

Medium size structure is \$12,900. It is called "Grand Cove."

Medium size structure is selected as the best fit for all the grades. Lucretia said that the price is manageable. Sra. Nunez states that about 60 kids are on the playground at the same time. Lucretia states that it would take about 6-8 weeks to order, and that the installation would have to take place over the weekend or fall intersession.

### 4. Discussion of this year's draft budget: **Bryan**

- a. Bryan discusses that our focus this year is about a time and energy donation from volunteers instead of a focus on money

Less financial burden to families

Bringing in less income to the PFA this year, but in turn having less outgoing expenses

5. Discussion of Artist in Residence: **Ghenet Mogos and Kristen King**

- a. Sra. Nunez asks about our views on the Artist in Residence program this year

Kristen speaks of her discussion with Wendy Pineda about the artists last year and the cost to the school. Wendy says that we are free to pick and choose, as it doesn't have to be executed exactly as last year. Wendy stated that she would attend the necessary training for the program in the event we choose to go that same direction.

Sarah Slipsky and Jennifer Fuller speak in support of the program.

Sra. Nunez states that she and Wendy will attend the necessary training the following Tuesday in order for the program to be an option for us.

Ghenet Mogos states that it is important for someone from the PFA to attend in order to understand the full benefits and options of the program. Ghenet says she will attend the training as well.

6. Discussion of Teacher Appreciation Luncheons: Ghenet Mogos

- a. Ghenet states that we raised \$2,025 for these luncheons on Meet the Teacher day

It is suggested that once room parents are set up from each class after training that they should send an email with the paypal link to all the parents in order to gather more participation.

Cari Combs states that she will include the paypal information in her communications email to Sra. Nunez so that the information goes out to the whole school.

7. Discussion of the Touch Tank: **Teejay Lanspery**

- a. Teejay introduces herself. She and Rachel Banyal are in charge of running the touch tank.

There is talk of starting an internship program with the Touch Tank.

There is talk of branding the Touch Tank for Casa.

8. Discussion of Volunteer Recruitment: **Ghenet Mogos**

- a. It is mentioned that August 22, 2018 is the day of Volunteer Training and Room Parent Orientation.
- b. Everyone is reminded to complete their background check as soon as possible.

Meeting is dismissed by Ghenet Mogos at 9:30 am.