

Drummond Montessori Magnet School
After School Committee
Minutes – May 26, 2010

- I. Call to Order
-Meeting called order by Monica Castle, Co-Chair, After School Committee
- II. Roll Call
-Monica Castle, Kristine Griebler, Margaritha Rodriguez, Ileen Lasco, Eva Grondal, Tamara Askew, Misty Drake, Carmen E. Gomez, Mark Neidlinger
- III. Fall Programming
- a. **Merit Music** – Reported by Margaritha Rodriguez. Margaritha has been in contact with Merit Music (Alicia Poot) regarding additional music programs in the Fall for Early Childhood, EL1, and EL2. Drummond currently has a choir program with Merit. There are approximately 28-36 children that participate. Merit has submitted a proposal for EC (20 students max) for \$3,700 (30 weeks). The school currently has \$1,250 from an anonymous donor for the Fall Merit program. Margaritha will set up a separate meeting with Merit and the After School Committee to further discuss next year’s music program.
 - b. **Language** – Reported by Eva Grondal. The French Drama after school program is scheduled to perform a Play in French on June 14th. The number of students involved in the French Language and French Drama classes has been steady. There are currently 7 students in both language classes and 9 in the drama class. Scholarships were awarded.
 - c. **Current/Future programming** (Chess, Dance, etc...)
 - 1) **CPS Policy** – Reported by Mark Neidlinger. CPS policy states that each vendor in the after school program must have insurance . If parents are teaching a class for a fee, a portion/donation must go to the school. Mark will look into whether or not a scholarship for a student would be considered a donation to the school.
 - 2) **Drummond contract policy** – Reported by Mark Neidlinger. Mark would like to implement a parent/student contract policy for all parents participating in any after school program. Mark will draft the contract and it will be a requirement beginning in the Fall. Each student will have to sign a contract that will include topics such as conflict/resolution, peace-making, commitment. Each parent with a child in an after school program will also have to sign a similar contract that will include a pick-up policy and timeliness.
 - 3) **Chess** – Reported by Tamara Askew. Tamara has been in contact with the Renaissance Knights (RK). The RK has a subsidized matching program. There is also a parent program where the parent will pay \$10 per session/child. There is a 30% discount for a parent volunteer. The class can be set up seasonally or in 6, 8, or 10 week increments at 1 hour per week. RK is willing to donate chess sets to auction off to help bring additional money to the program. They are a non-profit organization located in Northbrook and work with many CPS schools. They are open to allowing early childhood students to participate.
 - 4) **Dance** – Reported by Mark Neidlinger. Drummond teacher, Ms. Carlson would like to start an after school dance class for upper grades only. The class will likely be focused on salsa. More info to come at the next meeting.

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- 5) **Radiant Yoga** – Reported by Kristine Greiber. Kristine currently has two yoga classes (Mondays–EC (15 children) , Tuesdays– EL1 (12 children). The class is currently being offered at \$10/45 min session. The number of students involved has been steady. There is a possibility of adding an EL2 class that will be taught with parent Sarah Lindicho. Kristine has student helpers that are given \$5/hr (EC) and \$8/hr (EL1). Scholarships were awarded to 2 students.
- 6) **Garden Club** – Reported by Kristine Griebner. A garden club was recently started at Drummond. Kristine Griebner and Ms. Steger (Librarian) are very excited about the opportunity. The club is open to 3 grade+. There are currently 12 kids. They are currently recruiting 3 additional adults to assist. The program is free and volunteer based. They are currently meeting on Thursdays from 2:50-4:00p. The club will be a year round program that will integrate art and gardening. Kristine will create a registration form for the Fall program. There is a parent/child drop-in option for EC children who would like to participate. A parent/adult must be present for this option.
- IV. Before School Programs – Reported by Mark Neidlinger. Before school programming is currently not an option due to school staffing. Tabled until further notice.
- V. Alternate After School Options
- a. **YMCA** – Reported by Monica Castle and Mark Neidlinger. The YMCA is very enthusiastic about starting an after school program at Drummond. Mark is exploring the possibility of bringing the YMCA in to replace the JCC. The cost is about the same as the JCC. The YMCA is willing to bring in a sports program. The program would be open to EC, EL1 and EL2 and possibly 7-8 grade. The adult-child ratio is much better than JCC. The YMCA is also willing to have a Drummond Saturday time slot for a sports program at the YMCA for Drummond students only. They currently have a day camp program specifically coinciding with the Track E break schedule. Many parents have visited and enrolled at the YMCA and have had a positive experience. Mark will look into this further and provide a report at the July meeting.
- b. **JCC** – Reported by Monica Castle and Mark Neidlinger. Monica confirmed with the JCC and they are willing to expand their program to 5th grade. Many parents like the JCC. Mark will seek additional feedback from parents currently using the JCC. The JCC offers a day camp that is very expensive. Mark will look into both programs and decide on the program that best suits Drummond students.
- c. **Boys & Girls Club** – Reported by Misty Drake. The money required to run the program is astronomical. The Boys & Girls Club is not an option for after school care.
- d. **Jane Adams Hull House** – Reported by Misty Drake. Since we are currently looking at the JCC and YMCA for after school care, the Hull House will not be an option for this coming year.
- VI. 2009 Fundraiser – Account Balance. Reported by Mark Neidlinger and Monica Castle. The 2009 Summer Fundraiser at The Coach House brought in approximately \$1,100. 30% of the proceeds are

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going toward Merit Music. Discussion on whether or not to give 100% proceeds for Merit program tabled until June meeting.

a. Funding for current/future programs

- 1) **Entertainment Book** – Reported by Tamara Askew. Tamara suggested that the after school committee consider teaming up with The Entertainment Book company as a fundraiser. The books can bring in approximately \$2-3,000 in 2-3 weeks. No door-to-door sales involved. The company will provide the books and the book will be sold for \$20/each. The fundraiser will likely take place over the Labor Day weekend. The whole student body would be involved. A percentage would go to the school and another percentage would go to a LSC sub-committee (i.e. Diversity Committee, After School Committee). There are no out-of-pocket expenses. If 100-499 books are sold, the school would make a 40% profit. If 500 copies are sold, the school would make a 50% profit. Mark and Tamara are meeting with the company to discuss in detail.
- 2) **Taffy Apple sale**- Reported by Margaritha Rodriguez. Margaritha proposed have a taffy apple sale as another option for a fundraiser. This could possibly be an LSC fundraiser with proceeds to possibly go to a sub-committee or the 8th grade trip. Margaritha will research and bring a proposal to the June meeting.
- 3) **Activity Fee**- Reported by Misty Drake. Nicole Cantello initially was looking into the possibility of an activity fee. Mark Neidlinger approved such a fee 2 yrs ago. The fee has not been implemented and will not be put forth this coming year. The idea was to charge a \$20-60 fee for each student attending Drummond that would cover the entire year. The money would be used for books, homeless student program, uniforms, and possibly a teacher slot. The fee would not go to a sub-committee. The fee would directly go to the school.

VII. AFC Meeting Schedule

Summer meeting schedule: 6/16, 7/14, 8/18 at the Bucktown Library at 6:15pm. Mark cannot attend the 6/16 meeting due to the 8th grade graduation.

VIII. Upcoming New Business

Current/Future after school programs: Prepare a list of current after school programs that will include: fee for program, student limit, adult-student ratio, meeting dates, grade level, contact person, meeting room.

After School fair: Discuss possible After School fair to be held in August

IX. New parent. Ileen Lasco (new parent to Drummond) is joining the After School Committee. Welcome Ileen. Ileen has a lot of experience in after school programming and suggested we look into the following vendors: Multi-lingual Chicago and Tumble Bears (gymnastics program).

IX. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: June 16, 2010