

**Minutes
Parent Meeting Verdi Eco School
March 15 2018
Highland House**

**Call to order: 15.50
6 parents present**

TO DO - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Painting walls
Polishing floors
Checking windows
Contact musicians to come to school
Interest inventories - please fill it out for next year. What the core educators can use to plan and find specialists.**

MEETING for McKay eligible families: Tuesday March 20th 6pm at Highland

EXHIBITION: April 27th time: 15.30 at Foosaner; dinner at the farm at 17.30

ILP meetings start April 9th: Please sign up asap

Summer extension registration is open.

Kentucky Derby May 4th

1st Friday in April - April in Paris: Handing out flyers

Next Meeting: April 19th at 5.30pm

Yearbook Committee: Alexa is leading it and needs help

Nature Immersion needs volunteers

Operation - Relocation shed - help to move it

Parent meeting time: New schedule is rotating time frames for everyone to get a chance to attend.

Agenda item 1

McKay scholarship updates:

McKay scholarship are kids with learning disabilities or severe disabilities. Students will receive scholarship. 40% of our student body is eligible for McKay scholarships. Connection with Wavecrest partnership helped to facilitate the McKay process and might also help parents interested in receiving McKay.

Meeting requirements attached to the scholarship program. Taking funding from the state means accepting some rules set by the state. State defines what exactly the meaning of instruction time is: Instruction that happens within the walls of a school. Outside instruction is not considered instructional time. Initially school was denied (80% did not meet their definition of instruction). Nevertheless, the school persisted, and the hours and attendance match and instruction part has been approved. Currently Verdi Eco school only needs to pass the school inspection, fire, code etc. All plans are in to pass, architecture drawings are in the making, fire code should pass. What needs to be addressed: Floors can't chip, no dangerous apparatus (bolts, rust etc.), mulch must be on the floor outside etc. Doors between kitchen and nature

immersion need to be removed. Windows must be able to open and close. Painting the walls.

Nature Immersion: very hard to find great staff. Educators are leaving for various reasons. Current educators: Sydney, Carmen, Selina and Mikael. The schedule creates part time openings and full time is preferred. Very involved position. New spots might open up as kids move up into higher school. Kindergarten - hybrid of nature immersion and upper school.

Registration questions by parents:

Last year, summer tuition wasn't accounted for and school was underfunded. 4 weeks of 8 weeks of summer is paid for, the rest can be purchased by week. Parents can choose the 4 weeks they would like to have and our parents will get first choice. This coming school year - same amount of time off. Right now parents paid till May 24th. If registered tuition starts June 2nd and covers the summer.

Included in the years tuition (June 4th 2018 - June 7th 2019) schedule = 6 weeks :2 weeks (elective = intensives e.g. music, art etc = 3rd party educators). 3 Electives are included additional need to be paid for.

Input for:

6 week intensives: Students, parents can have an input into project based learnings.

2 week electives: if input - must be 3rd party that can handle kids. They are leading it as our core educators are prepping and being own vacation during that time.

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Specialists and Feedback:

More specialists have been invited to the upper school. Highly qualified but transient. There just here occasionally.

Miss Montana: Masters degree, grant writing, math, science, French

Vacation days:

Core educators vacation: Savannah and Denise have not taken their vacation time. April and May - Music focus with specialists - so Denise and Savannah will be going alternately.

Music Elective Month:

GrooveShack

Instruments and math / fractions, ratio and proportions

Community culture:

Cultures within the community, Geography.
Each week

Exhibition April 27th time at 15.30 at the Foosaner education center:

Open for everyone to come. Showcase knowledge the kids acquired over the year. Partners will be there.

Consultants:

Gifted educator, curriculum designer and special educators pulled in to address students who need more support. Core educators do not have the gifted certifications.

Gifted kids: There is a formal test to determine if the kid is gifted. Those students that benefit from the gifted part are kids who move every quickly through different subjects and very quickly through academics.

ILP meetings started April 9th:

Pls RSVP for date and time. Please be signed top by next Friday.

Florida today:

Entire article will be about the Verdi school. Study of play story - Denise and Carmen visited the recycle center and was invited at different conferences. The Verdi school is looked at as a model. The Verdischool already did tours for FIT and early childhood educators.

Juice and Compost round:

We have trikes! John proposed a community veggie/juice route..
Also exchange compost and fresh produce delivery etc.
Sponsors can buy commercial space on the trike.

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Facility improvement: starts this weekend and over spring break.

Garden Committee: scheduling some bigger workdays with more parents volunteers, More resources to get the farm up and running as events will be held there for fundraising events. Also in order to use the farm as a demonstration site for produce. Soil also needs some help.

Brainstorming: Airbnb in Nature Immersion - potential source to make an additional \$4000/year.

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Meeting adjourned: 17.30