

# Highland Mill Montessori

## SLT notes- February 16, 2017

*Attendees: Dr. Patricia Riska, Beth Leo, Vicki High, Tanya Mays, Jennifer Walker, Suzanne Dornsmith, Tianna LeGardye, Mandy Norman, Shavonne Clark, Deborah Wells, Tatjana Eres, Dana Monaghan*

8:04 welcome

8:05 AP hiring process

A rep from each grade level, facilitators, and others formed a panel and came up with characteristics of what we wanted in a candidate, from that info they came up with questions that each candidate had to answer. 5 candidates interviewed.

Kevin Page is filling in until a person is hired. He is a retired AP from CMS

Parent question-Did any of the candidates have Montessori backgrounds? No, however, they will be required to take training.

8:10 NCTIES

Whitney is taking a group of 8 students and Ms. Cara to a technology conference in Raleigh. They will be presenting a booth at the conference. We were 1 of 2 CMS schools chosen to go.

PTA Stipend. Yesterday Feb. 15, 2017 all classroom teachers and special area teachers were given a stipend to buy classroom materials. All staff is grateful to PTA for these funds!

8:15 25th anniversary of public Montessori schools in Charlotte

Park road is creating a peace garden with a special statue. Parents can donate money to build a brick path. Every school will have an engraved stone in the garden.

The garden will be unveiled on April 28 @9:30

An adult happy hour gala will be held at Music Factory on April 30th

Website with more information [www.25yearspublicmontessori.com](http://www.25yearspublicmontessori.com)

Highland Mill's 20th anniversary

We would like to do something special to celebrate our success.

Ideas shared- picnic, garden day- plant 20 trees, picnic tables, composting

Shavonne and Tatjana will co-chair this event and bring ideas to the next meeting

Whitney has applied for a grant to be able to put in an outdoor classroom, nature trail, etc. waiting to see.

We could tie the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Earth day-ideas

Could we move away from plastic silverware? That is part of the Child Nutrition program and was changed due to cost of regular silverware being thrown away.

Could we do a compost area for school?

Tanya mentioned there is a company that will come in and take the compost from the school. She will get more info.

Have to check with cafeteria about their regulations.

8:30 Parent Ed sessions

Primary March 1 9:15-11 a.m. bring your parent to school

Lower El First grade Feb. 28 from 10:00 a.m. - lunch time

Second grade March 7 10:00 a.m.- lunch time

Middle El TBD

Upper El TBD

Parent Questions:

American Heart Jump Rope for the Heart

How to share info with younger children so they understand?

Using toys to get money- how children are affected if their parents can't afford it?

Info was unclear

Children are discussing healthy choices in PE each week.

There will be one day near the end of the program where parents can come jump with their children.

Dr. Patricia will talk to Mr. Corey for clarification.

Question about MAPS testing and Reading 3D:

Reading 3D is an individualized test. Tells a parent and teacher where that children is in reading/comprehension.

MAP is a tool for teachers to use for instructional purposes-it guides teachers' instruction.

Maybe do a parent Ed or question/answer regarding testing (MAPS, Reading 3D, BOG, EOG)