

Meeting House Nursery School  
Board agenda  
October 18, 2023

**Google Meet; 6:30-7:15 pm**

In attendance: Julia, Kevin, Lindsey, Nate, Meghan, Stacey, Rachel A, Rachel D, Paige, Devon and Mo

1. Approve meeting minutes from September

- a. Motion: Julia
- b. 2nd: Nate
- c. Vote: All in favor

2. Reports:

Executive Director Report-Devon

Set up an adult education with Dr. Laura with UW. Looks like there will be an extension of support from CARES, funding will change a bit so we need to wait and see. Good news overall. FUS and MHNS staff will be having staff lunch next week.

Financial Report- Devon

Changing academic tuition from coming in from 12 months to 10 months. Bills will stay the same since they are actually over the 12 month period. God insurance numbers in, some have gotten better. Switched cyber packages; found something that fit our needs better and saved money. Health insurance went up an average of 10%. Stuck with GHC: consistently good for our employees and staff like their providers.

Rachel D. -Special events (Recap family Night)

Turn out was great. Donations for photo opp was nice. Could cut the time down to 90 minutes. Felt like most families were through before the last hour. Think about pushing it up to 4 pm. Some families felt like it was so close to the open house that they didn't come because they felt like they were just there.

3. New items

- a. Fundraising: needs to decide if they want to keep the Old Sugar as the venue for our Parents' Night Out event.
- b. Board member feels uneasy about people in the atrium/courtyard area during Jewish holy days. Paige said the biggest issue is just people using the bathroom and having to ask people to leave. The classroom door to room 6 is closed and locked everyday. Before the Jewish holidays Devon, Tom and Rabbi Laurie sit down and talk about security and what that will look like. Atrium door is the entrance they use during the holidays. Courtyard isn't our space, we don't technically pay for it in our lease. We leave the courtyard the days the Jewish community is there because it has always been that way for their community. Devon does have concerns about other events that are happening on the grounds that are not discussed. No good way to block off room 6. In general we

try to keep the communication open for the shared space/public building. Paige mentioned tours that came through and a parent felt really uncomfortable. Two parents mentioned that when they waited for 4k pick up they never really felt uncomfortable or encountered others. One parent came from another nursery school that shared space and they like the communication and relationship of FUS and MHNS to ensure everyone's safety. Devon believes that the security grant is helping bring this to light for all the staff and taking more steps in the right direction. Outside of the Holidays, the Jewish community is not in the space during our hours really at all.

Is there a shared calendar? Where everyone can see the daily events. Yes, but it isn't always everything. Tours are not on it or last minute meetings. Should security be a standing issue on the agenda? We do want everyone to feel comfortable. Devon - since it isn't out building, we cannot make the physical changes. We need to keep advocating for our school and security.

Questions: Would it be possible to have an FUS member/staff a part of a board meeting so that we can help the communication open. We have invited that and have been turned down the last 4 years. Rudy Moore, one of our parents, is hoping to reconstruct that committee on their side. Hoping the staff lunch will be a step in the right direction. Could parents help monitor halls/entrances during those bigger events. Could the board see a copy of the safety report that the safety review has been done.

4. Adjourn at 7:15 pm
  - a. Motion: Julia
  - b. Second: Lindsey