

## ACMA Board Meeting – September 11, 2018

### Attendees:

Carol Biederman, Jen Fife-Adams, Catherine Healy, Damarise Davis, Marnie Samuelson, Leslie Swinford, Ora Hill, LaReina Kyle, Jenny Sherwood, Seona Zimmerman, Carrie Salehiaman, Beth Wolfsong, Carter Dye, Holli Bridgens, Lisa Carter, Kathy Leis, Tuk Zimmerman, Angie Aoki, Tim Healy, Jim Weider, Sarah Weider, Tina Izen, Christa Billings, Kerry Gelhar, Jennifer Means, April Castillo, Kim Pranger, Shawna Mench

1. Intros of board members present
2. Small group bonding exercise: “What I wish my new parent-self had known”. Each group discussed amongst themselves, which gave them an opportunity to meet each other at their tables.
3. Small group discussion, with large group follow-up: “What do you need as an ACMA parent?” Each group discussed and then jotted their answers down on poster board. Results got sent to board last night.
4. Principal’s Report: Bjorn took time to address what people had suggested, particularly the need for an orientation to Canvas/ParentVUE and middle school parent/teacher conferences. He also took time to talk about the thought they are putting into wrapping up the last year at the C. E. Mason building and planning for how to make temporary digs at Timberland feel like home. He shared the story of a choral composer who attended C. E. Mason and how different things are from that time in the Forties.
5. Board President Report: Carol started out by thanking everyone for attending. She expressed gratitude for family enthusiasm and donations that already added up to almost \$8 per family. She talked about goals for the year: helping the school and families understand the role that the PTO plays in the school, wrapping up our time in the old building in a memorable way and planning for the transition to Timberland, building a sustainable budget for the future, being responsive to the needs of our ACMA family, and strengthening the ACMA cultural foundation. She talked about our needs for the year: providing support for all ACMA events, including concessions; filling Board and committee positions, and getting to the financial goal of \$60 per student raised.
6. Fundraising report: Catherine talked about the ACMA Family Fund and Cabaret Night, happening at the end of the school year and comprised of all departments coming together.
7. Treasurers Report: Damarise indicating that we’re finalizing the annual budget and the number of programs that we’re supporting.
8. Conclusion: we thanked everyone for coming and asked them to give in ways that they might not have considered. Ideas, time, suggestions, money.