

## ICCP Board Meeting Special Session May 2, 2022 Notes

Attendance:

James Anderson, Josh, Sara Angel, Megan, Erin, Karen, Lester (notetaker) Jamie, Emily Jacobberger

7:13: Welcome

**James moves that we increase Kinder student cap to 18, Karen second (5 Megan, 5 Karen, 5 Erin, 3 James, 3 Jamie, 3 Lester)**

ED Report on 2022/23 Budget, Kindergarten capacity, lottery, and student waitlists.

Josh's report:

*We completed our lottery on April 25th and ended up with a bit of a challenging situation. We ended up having 2 different sets of Kindergarten twins that applied. Unfortunately, we had only one child from each set of twins get in... In our policy we do give preference to siblings, which would then put the 2 siblings at the top of our waiting list.*

*My preference would be to offer each of them a spot which would increase our Kinder class from 16 students to 18 students. I have spoken to Sara Angel about numbers and she indicated that she would be fine with 18 since she has a full time aid. The additional funds would not be a bad thing either.*

Karen: Because of the increased/unreliable/unpredictable costs that might occur next year, because of the strength of the kindergarten teacher and the assistant, Karen is strongly in favor of increasing by two spots.

Ms. Angel stated that she liked the idea of 18 with an assistant, it would be good for the budget, and she is strongly in favor. With trial runs with twins it is a good opportunity. Whether we had 10 or 18 students, the hands on, the experiences, they can happen. The teachers are growing, and coming out of covid the opportunities are opening up. Gardening, buddies, the chickens, there is a ripple effect happening.

Erin: Budget issues aside, as a parent that sought out MC, the small classroom sizes are very important. It is a slippery slope, and the uniqueness of MC can be cut at. It's unfortunate that this is the second time in a row we've had unexpected issues with the lottery. MC has a unique Mission and Vision, and we need to work hard at getting things going. You can feel it, the heart is coming back to the school, the pile of dirt, the chickens roaming...it's awesome.

James: The low kindergarten numbers have historically given local kids a chance to get into the school in the first grade. Because of the twins and the process justify the increase.

Josh: FYI field trips that are educational are reimbursed at 70%.

Emily Jacobberger: has a prospective kinder on the waitlist. Siblings are in the school, but missed the enrollment. Said that she didn't feel that the school had any responsibility in the failure for enrollment.

James asked about how we reach out to parents with siblings. How many parents have siblings at the school?

Megan: The culture is coming back, and comradery can be felt at pickup.

Lester: Lots of good reasons to increase cap, great kindergarten teacher, assistant, oversight in the lottery with two sets of twins. In favor of smaller class sizes, prefer 16, and it's a slippery slope. In general, strongly agree with Erin's comments.

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Meeting adjourned 8:11