

**Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet School  
Family Engagement Team Meeting**

November 9, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Adriana Manrique, Certified Staff—  
Facilitator  
Jesus Celaya, Principal  
Krystal Enriquez, Classified Staff  
Eva Muñoz, Parent  
Oceana Pos, Classified Staff  
Wendy Gordon Weeks, Certified Staff  
Eva Cardenas, Classified Staff

Others In Attendance:

Marisa Gonzalez  
Rebecca Carreon  
Elisa Busby

Members Absent:

Ruben Lopez, Parent  
Dara Carlson, Certified Staff

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I. Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. Ms. Manrique explained that Family Engagement meetings will now be entirely separate from Site Council meetings.

- Meetings will be once a quarter.
- Q3 Meeting will be on January 18, 2023, 2:00-2:45
- Q4 Meeting will be on April 5, 2023, 2:00-2:45

III. Agenda Items:

1. Family Night November 29 5:30-7:00

- Ms. Manrique will be asking the public library to set up a booth and have library card applications available.
- There will be a book giveaway for all attendees.
- There will be takeaway curriculum items for families (Montessori sentence strips and a second item).
- The evening is focused around Reader's Theater performances.
  - Classes participating are Ms. Busby and Ms. Carreon's, Ms. Nye's, Ms. Leilue Sierra with Upper Elementary; possibly Ms. Romero, Ms. Muñoz and Ms. Barker; hopefully a kindergarten class.
- There will be another curriculum night in the spring
  - We are going to do Maker's Fair in the cafeteria.
  - We will try to get a telescope for telescope viewing at that event.

2. Thanksgiving Baskets

- We've been given a bunch of tickets for Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.

- It is structured so that we give the families the tickets and they pick up the baskets directly (rather than coming to the school, which sometimes coincided with El Tour de Tucson).
  - We already have some names of families who would benefit.
  - Let Ms. Manrique know if there are other families who would benefit.
3. Fraternal Order of the Police: Shop with a Cop/Breakfast with Santa
- They gave us 10 spaces for Breakfast with Santa in December.
  - They gave us 2 spaces for Shop with a Cop in December.
4. Salvation Army
- We were able to submit 5 applications for “adopt a family” for holiday gifts for families in need.
5. Support from Neighborhood Church (Southside Presbyterian)
- They want to offer support to the school, and Ms. Manrique met with them to discuss what that would look like.
  - There was discussion of them wanting to provide after school childcare on Wednesdays because it’s hard for parents to get care on early out Wednesdays. It would have to be completely secular, and they will submit a proposed plan for the program, which would likely start next year.
  - Volunteers there would need to be fingerprinted, which is currently in process.
  - They will sponsor a family for Christmas this Christmas; one larger family has been selected.
6. Open Discussion
- Talent Show
    - Discussion of whether it could be at night so parents can attend—could it be rolled in with the curriculum night in the spring (which will also include with Makers Faire, telescope viewing, science projects—possibly class projects rather than individual)?
    - Ms. Enriquez knows an amateur astronomer and will make contact to see if he can help.

IV. The meeting was ended at 2:24 p.m.