

# Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet School Focus Group

*Date | time* 2/29/2024 5:30 PM | *Location* Zoom

Meeting called by	Drachman Family Engagement Team	5-10 Parents to give ideas on how to improve our school based on site survey results
Type of meeting	Focus Group	The Focus Group will last no longer than 1 hour
Facilitator	K. Scott	Please bring a pen and paper to make notes
Note taker	K. Enriquez	
Parents present	RW	

## Agenda Items

Topic		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Welcome & Introductions (Adriana Manrique)	10 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Question #1 – What would you like to see in our Middle School Program to have you choose to place/keep your child at Drachman through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade?	15 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Question #2 – Would you be interested in Montessori Parent PD monthly or quarterly taught by staff on select Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:15? If so, what would you like to learn about (philosophy, learning materials, etc.)	15 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	○ Question #3 – What are the 1 – 2 things you would like to see change at Drachman to make our programs stronger?	15 Minutes
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## Other Information

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Special notes [Special notes]

Nothing of note.

Meeting began at 5:37 P.M.

Meeting complete at 5:59 P.M.

Question #1 – What would you like to see in our Middle School Program to have you choose to place/keep your child at Drachman through 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

“That’s tough because I’ve never considered not keeping my child here at Drachman. We chose the school because it’s a K-8.”

I’d like to see clubs – like a Lego club, after school activities. More art-related opportunities at school. Things aside from sports.

From a safety standpoint, or maturity level perspective, maybe more separation between middle schoolers and elementary students. This is not to say opportunities like reading buddies should stop but as a parent, I would prefer my child have a little less exposure to some of the language, behavior, etc... of when students are not as closely monitored.

More opportunities for life skills instruction – interviewing, computer skills, phone/Zoom/email adequate, etc... Safe internet use (social media, etc.)

Question #2 – Would you be interested in Montessori Parent PD monthly or quarterly taught by staff on select Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:15? If so, what would you like to learn about (philosophy, learning materials, etc.)

It would not fit my schedule, but I would be happy to read about it. Staying on campus longer would be the hiccup. If it were a Zoom meeting, might be more willing. This would have been really good information to have been provided before enrolling, then maybe during Kinder and first. Could learning materials/philosophy be added to the normal forms of communication? \*My child has been there so long, I feel confident with the program – again, would have been great early on.

Question #3 – What are the 1 – 2 things you would like to see change at Drachman to make our programs stronger?

"I'm really happy with the school!" Maybe more types of real-world preparation – college prep, etc... Teaching them about the importance of having a job, going to college, test taking. More practice with math/financial topics/projects. Classes that focus on things like interviewing and basic computer skills outside of Youtube.