

DCS Montessori SAC Meeting

September 30, 2013

Meeting called to order at 4:09 pm by Jeromy Johnson

Present were Jeromy Johnson, Julia Heron Braccini, Jani Ziedins, Dawn Callas and Cecilia Bouras. Marge Arnott and Kenyon Fox absent.

I. Review of bylaws

Questions/comments

UIP due end of October / acceptance December

January parent survey

Last year timing?

BOD recommended academic goal

Last year: math / students who need to catch up

Bylaws formally accepted

Motion by Cecilia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jani

All present accept bylaws

II. Officers Assigned

Chair ~ Jani

Vice Chair ~ Dawn

Secretary ~ Julia

DAC rep ~ Cecilia

Jeromy moves to approve officers, Jani 2nds

All approve officers

III. Review of data (T-CAP by grade level for 1 and 3 years)

IV. Review school performance framework

Is 6<sup>th</sup> grade included on the middle and elementary levels?

Do the MAPS at the beginning of the year help prep students for T-CAP?

Is the middle school helping with retention for this year? Jeromy responds "yes"

Where should emphasis of energy for improvement go?

V. Discussion of implementing a STEM program within DCS framework

Purpose: to make science an area of interest / marketing

Jeromy notes that he was approached about implementing a STEM program, but when they saw what we offer he was told we already do much of what they would offer.

VI. Use of technology to support math in the classroom

Two possible programs MyAccess and ~~CON~~ Khan

Alternatives discussed: tutor with materials and software

Grades for technology would depend upon teachers input but would focus on upper elementary and middle school

VII. Preliminary discussion of goals

Academic

Parent surveys

Communication

Classroom, school to home, public

Alumni survey

Math goal ideas

Support catching students up

General math score improvement

Jeromy noted that a 2 year focus is currently in progress

Technology inclusion in math program

General goal idea

Consistency across classrooms ~ Jani

80% consistent

20% experimentation to continue to evolve curriculum

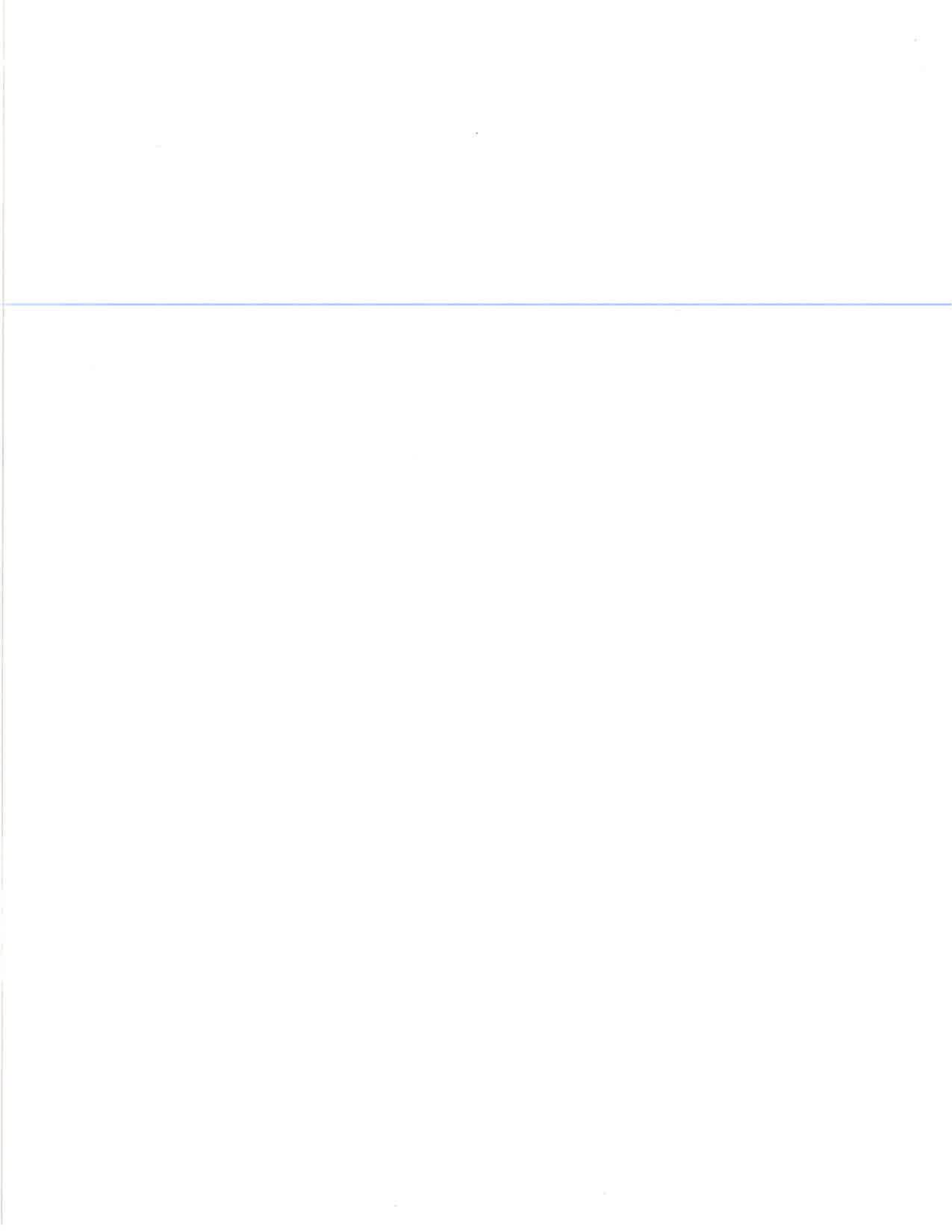
Move to close made by Jeromy at 6:04, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julia

All in favor

Next meeting not set

Goal(s) for next meeting

Everyone should come up with some goals to discuss



DCS Montessori SAC Meeting  
February 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at 4:27 pm by Jeromy Johnson.

Present were Jeromy Johnson, Illyce Kaarto, Dawn Callas, Jani Ziedins, Steven Wright, Marge Arnott.

- I. Motion to Approve Minutes. Motion to accept by Jeromy, Steven seconded, I votes = Jeromy, Illyce, Dawn, Jani, Steven, Marge. Kenyon absent.
- II. Discussion of Technology, Learning Pads, My Access
- III. Discussion of Report Cards, District vs. Montessori, Options including teachers keeping records computerized and consistent.
- IV. Discussion of Survey: Jeromy asks for 2-3 ideas for next year goals. What are our priorities? Communication goals? Long discussion regarding communication between teachers and parents regarding various issues including daily classroom life, special events, progress of children. Homework? Discussion regarding Montessori philosophy and homework...what is the purpose of homework? How does it fit into a Montessori school?
- VI. Discussion of Survey: How do we phrase questions? How would students of all ages respond most effectively to questions? Discussion of differing formats and which is best for students. Jeromy asks us to look at survey and come back with ideas for an ongoing conversation. Discussion of Alumni Survey – who to send it to?
- VII. HOS: Discussion of communication and how to best meet parent needs. How to best determine priorities? Is the survey an accurate reflection of reality? Can we ask parents to rank priorities? Do we need to discuss our systems? Do assistants play a part? How can teachers best meet parent needs?
- VII. Motion to Adjourn by Jeromy, Steven seconds. I votes = Jeromy, Illyce, Dawn, Jani, Steven, Marge. Kenyon absent.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:59 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April...tbd.