



Newport Montessori School

P. O. Box 634, 96 Pine Street, Newport, New Hampshire 03773

PTO Meeting Minutes 10/01/2025

Present: Malia Minnick, President, Miss J, Vice President, Alison Shepardson, Treasurer, Cortney Nichols, Secretary *NMS Staff:* Mr. Ricky *Parents:* AJ Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Kjerst DeBirk, Brittney Crawford, Megan Malindrinos

Malia Minnick called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

June Meeting Minutes: Malia made a motion to approve, Miss J seconded, all approved (only Malia, Miss J, and Cortney were eligible to vote)

September Meeting Minutes: Malia made a motion, Mr Ricky seconded, all approved, AJ and Kaitlyn Smith abstained

Montessori Lesson – Math lesson for Primary, math beads, “short bead stair” for 1-10

Treasurer’s Report

- \$366.35 current balance
- \$249.25 BBQ reimbursement was paid out

Director’s Report

- BBQ was a great success, thank you to everyone for coming and helping out
- Curriculum night almost 100% attendance
- Trunk or Treat on 10/31, arrive at 11 am, please no earlier, kids will come out at noon
- New London Playhouse – play based on a book, November 7th, will be about \$430
- November 21st presenter is Simon Brooks
- Thursday, October 9th – Flu Clinic
- Theater Club will do a play at some point, they have chosen their play “Big Bad”

New Business

- PTO Events Calendar (Cortney) – will be added to the website
- Montessori “Family” Night – will do in the spring
- 20th Year Committee – next meeting is Tuesday, 5:30 pm, at the school, talk about different celebrations on the 20th of each month
- Tanya Perry – donate proceeds of photoshoots to PTO, will offer mini photo sessions here the school in the spring, combine with movie night
- Concerned parents brought up the issue with lacking chairs, parents will donate the money in Lower Elementary if that is the problem, part of the problem is lack of space
 - Mr Ricky and Miss J confirmed that flexible seating is very common and if a child wants to sit in a chair they can.

Old Business

- Fundraising updates:
 - *In progress:* Meadow Farms, The Giving Bean, Box Tops (Malia will share her referral link), Hannaford Helps, School Store (opening soon)
 - *Confirm:* Cookie Walk, Revo Casino, Dining Out for Montessori (Megan reached out to Salt Hill and Bubba's)
 - *Upcoming:* Mac & Cheese Drive – talked about doing Dominos (this would require a lot of parent volunteers if anyone is interested), Square One Art
- Event reflections/updates:
 - *Reflections:* SRO/Ebbi visit & Back-to-School BBQ (Upper EI and JC have not had their police visit yet)
 - Brittney is looking at bringing a Pow Pow to NMS

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 5th @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm