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Subject: Fwd: Updates at Petoskey Montessori
Date: April 13, 2023 at 2:09 PM
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I meant to bcc the board email and I forgot, but this is what I sent to Jeff.

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Nicole Byron** < >
Date: Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 1:56 PM
Subject: Re: Updates at Petoskey Montessori
To: Jeff Leslie < >

Good Afternoon Jeff.

Thanks so much for coming by the school this morning, I hope it was an improved experience (at least for the primary classroom!) from your last visit!

As we discussed, I have attached the proposal that outlines the changes we would like to make to the management agreement. In addition, the AMI consultant will be conducting her visit May 4 & May 5, so we should have our recognition reinstated by mid-late May. We have made tremendous headway with the school overall, hiring an AMI certified guide for our primary program and we will be opening up the opportunity for all of our assistant teachers to be AMI trained teaching assistants. We have implemented numerous processes and procedures for the overall management of the school and the Board continues to be closely involved in the oversight of the school to ensure the success of our rebuilding.

We also have begun work with a local developer to design a new building offering an updated, safe learning environment for all of our students, as well as expanded child care which will help fill a needed void in our community, and I have attached the first draft of the building layout for your review.

The state funding has not been able to keep up with the staffing and facility costs, however section 2C of the agreement states that **"Funding of the Montessori School shall be on the basis that the blended amount of School District revenues expended per pupil at the Montessori School should reach the blended amount of School District revenues expended per pupil across the School District."** We are currently receiving approximately 50% of the per pupil spend in the School District, which doesn't meet the management agreement requirements. If PSP is able to simply adjust the share of PMES funding to align with the per pupil spend within the District, we may not need to make amendments to the agreement at this time. If that isn't a feasible option, we'd like to propose the addendum listed in the proposal, which outlines some general lease terms which would bring the average per pupil spend at PMES equal to the per pupil spend in the rest of the District. I've attached the current management agreement for your review.

We'd love to have the PSP School Board members come tour the school and see the progress that has been made and I'm happy to discuss the way forward, whichever route that may be. Please let me know if we can arrange a time for a tour, the only day I'm not available is April 27.

Best,
Nicky Byron
PMCH Board of Trustees
(231) 622-1569

On Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 4:43 PM Jeff Leslie < > wrote:
Yes, that'll be fine.

Thank you,
Jeff

On Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 12:23 PM Nicole Byron < > wrote:
Hi Jeff,

April 13th would be great, could you do 9-9:15?

Nicky

On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 2:57 PM Jeff Leslie < > wrote:
Nicole,

I went up to the high school this afternoon and, as I was driving by PMCH, I was thinking that I hadn't stopped by there in awhile. Would April 13th or 20th work for you?

Thank you,

Dr. Jeffrey Leslie
Superintendent
Public Schools of Petoskey
phone (231) 348-2370

On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 12:56 PM Nicole Byron < > wrote:
Hi Jeff,

I hope you had a relaxing (and preferably warm!) spring break. I wanted to invite you to come visit PMCH again if you have some time in the next week or two. We've made some positive changes in our Primary classroom and I'd love for you to see the impact it has had on the program overall. We should also have a preliminary building plan that I'd like to share with you and I'd like to pick your brain about the upcoming management agreement renewal.

Please let me know what days would work best for your schedule.

Best,
Nicky Byron
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