

# Pomegranate Minutes

*Following are the minutes from that Community Forum, as recorded by Caitlin Shields:*

Hello Three Cedars Community Members,

Thank you for a wonderful community meeting! Here are our minutes, please pass around to all staff and parents who couldn't attend, as a reminder of what we accomplished so far and what is happening next.

10-2-14

Three Cedars Waldorf School – Facilitated by Milenko Matanovic & Caitlin Shields

Attendees: Three Cedars Staff, Parents & Board Members

## **Meeting Summary**

Over 30 members of the Three Cedars community gathered to provide input on how they would like to see the outdoor spaces at Three Cedars improved. Laura Mason began the meeting by introducing Pomegranate Center and the need for improved outdoor spaces. Milenko Matanovic from Pomegranate Center introduced the project goal, meeting goal and Pomegranate Center's work. Ideas were then collected from each member of the community, resulting in a list of common themes. Many ideas were generated (see Appendix) and community members then identified potential locations for different elements on a site map. These maps, along with the list of ideas and common themes, will provide "marching orders" for Pomegranate Center staff as they develop preliminary plans that will be presented at the next Community Meeting on December 4, 2014.

## **Action Items / Next Steps**

- Pomegranate Center to meet with Chris Pressey to discuss feasibility of ideas generated and learn more about the site.
- Pomegranate Center to create design concepts based on community input.
- Steering group meeting October 16, 6:30–8:30, Trillium Hall to vet and discuss ideas.
- Second Community meeting on December 4, 6:30–8:30, Trillium Hall to present design concepts to the community and receive additional input.

## **Appendix**

- Ground Rules
- Meeting Goals
- Common Themes & Ideas

Thank you for all your help, we really enjoyed meeting the group and look forward to working with you on a comprehensive plan. Please call or write with any questions that come up once reviewing these notes.

Many Thanks,

Caitlin Shields & Milenko Matanovic

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## *Pomegranate Center Pomegranate Steering Committee Minutes*

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Minutes: Monica

Present: Caitlin, Cameron, Geraldine, Stephanie, Pat, Ben, Chris P., Annette, Scott, Chris W., Laura, Eric, Milenko, Monica

### TOPICS

Reflections on What Was Heard at Community Meeting  
Highlights/surprises/what stood out were shared

Outline of Pomegranate Center Process of narrowing down ideas:

Review faculty work with students: drawing of maps that highlight student activities and locations in woods

Tour woods with students to hear from them activities/locations 'being careful to frame it so that student input is appropriate'.

Meet as needed with faculty/steering group for further guidance

Revise Conceptual Plan- identifying functions with locations; the how/what/when/by whom will come later

Present plan at Community Forum December 4

Principles:

We want to work with what is happening in the woods and do not want to 'violate' what is already taking place.

We want to involve students in a developmentally and philosophically appropriate manner.

Presentation of Conceptual Plan and fielding of questions/concerns:

Parent meeting space/needs/conflicts/logistics/considerations

Garden spaces discussion

Need for climbing structures (either through Pomegranate process or TCWS implementation)

Principles:

Waldorf principle: things need to be both beautiful and useful and designed to serve its purpose (which is the next step in the design process after identifying function and location)

We will work with the 'what is' in place and build on that.

We will always consider what is happening inside the classrooms when planning outdoor spaces.

We recognize that the students want to create, so we need to provide the raw materials (logs, stones, rope, etc.) for them to create with.

Further input is to be sent to: Caitlin at [caitlin@pomegranate.org](mailto:caitlin@pomegranate.org)