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## Governance Council Update February 27, 2017

Good Afternoon,

Some of you were not able to attend our January 20th, meeting so I wanted to give you an update. Jennifer Murphy, parent of one of our 4K students is interested in joining the Governance Council. We can vote for her to join the council at our next governance council meeting. Thank you Jennifer for your interest. The teachers each gave an update about learning that is happening in their classrooms, we discussed enrollment, fundraising, and changes for 4K for 2017-18. Please see details below.

### [Enrollment for 2017-18](#)

Enrollment for 2017-18 is underway. We are also working with our current families to determine the students that will be returning. Once we have our continuing student numbers, we will be able to determine how many new students we can accept. We currently have the application information on our website and have already received four applications. We will continue to accept applications until April 15th.

We also want to give families the opportunity to learn more about Montessori, so we will be holding 2 evening opportunities:

- March 7, 2017 - Growing Montessori, 6:00 - 7:00 pm at West Side. Parents will be introduced to the classroom and to the Montessori Method.
- April 3 - Growing Montessori, 6:00 - 7:00 pm at West Side. Parents will be introduced to the classroom and to the Montessori Method.

Please let me know if you are able to attend any of the Growing Montessori meetings and contribute your thoughts and experiences with families. We also have created some posters and would appreciate any help that you could give us in putting up posters to advertise these parent meetings.

### [Fundraising](#)

We have discussed the desire to open an E2 classroom (grades 4, 5 & 6) beginning in the 2018-19 school year. Obtaining a grant to purchase the materials and pay for teacher training would be ideal. Wisconsin will apply for federal funding for charter school grants once it becomes available, but we don't know if the grant application will be successful or what the timeline will be. We have talked many times about doing some fundraising to help offset the costs involved. On Monday, we discussed appealing to all of the parents to see if there are some people who would like to spearhead fundraising.

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#### [4K - 2017-18](#)

Currently students attending 4-year old kindergarten at West Side, Lyndon Station, and Children's House attend 2 days a week. Beginning in the fall, these students will attend Monday through Thursday. We believe that attending four days a week will provide students more continuity than attending 2 days a week and increased learning opportunities.

#### Governance Council Meeting Schedule

March 14 - Montessori Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 at the District Office Board Room

May 9 - Montessori Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 at the District Office Board Room

August 8 - Montessori Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 at the District Office Board Room

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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