

Family & Community Engagement Committee

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 2025

Committee Co-chairs: Mariah White and Drew Althoff

Committee Members: Megan Baker-Hunger, Sandy Borkowski, Chris Dubis, Cindy Smith, Tina Smith (Bluffview Parent), Jeff Van Fossen (Bluffview Parent)

Vision Statement

To foster strong and sustained connections with families and community partners to best serve BMS students.

Mission

Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a materials-based Montessori curriculum that encourages independence and natural curiosity. Bluffview cultivates learners' deep respect for self, community, and a peaceful environment, while nourishing the intrinsic desire for academic, civic, and personal fulfillment.

Goal Focuses

- Community outreach and public relations
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Family/Parent/Guardian events at BMS
- Increasing attendance at student conference nights
- Staff and student wellness
- Wellness policy review and compliance

ATTENDING: Megan, Sandy, Chris, Tina, Jeff, Mariah, Drew, Sherry

MINUTES BY: Drew

**** Action Items are HIGHLIGHTED for quick reference**

Topic	Notes
WELCOME BACK and Circle Check-in	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circle Question: If you could spend a day with any living famous person, who would you choose and why?
EVENT RECAPS / DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WOW Time Management and Setting Boundaries2. Micro-habit challenge launch
WOW Time Management and Setting Boundaries (2/1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was a good class with good conversation. It was also nice to have a couple new folks present.• Child care needs to be buttoned up - have that lined up for events in advance.• Group discussed what might be missing or needed for wellness work moving forward.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Get testimonials - Jeff○ Better PR our to school community○ Invite families to come do the work together○ Might we open the opportunities up to the greater Winona community?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Community Education offering	
Micro-habit Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There's no more room on the board at the moment!• We will send out music notes the last week of February	

- Follow up on some of the current goals to see if folks have been sticking with it and get their testimonials

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. WOW March Session: Sat. 3/1
2. WOW May Session: Sat. 5/3
 - a. "Parents-choice" class – what should the offering be?

PARENT CHOICE SESSION May 3rd

- Survey past WOW participants to ask them what they'd like to see offered (BEFORE SPRING BREAK)
- IDEAS:
 - "Ask the coach" session – Q&A style to get questions answered to assist on your personal journey
 - Reflection on past sessions with a focus on growth and progress moving forward
 - How to set goals for moving forward – what next?
 - Other? Connecting to next year's efforts

NEW / ONGOING IDEAS:

1. BMS 5K
2. Mural work with Sarah J.
3. Wellness Policy Review
4. Swap Meet idea
5. Visioning for next school year

Mariah and Drew will be in touch with more info on our connection with the 5K Committee

[FCEC Event/Program Ideas Google Doc](#)

- *Please don't add items without prior committee discussion*

AGREEMENT OF ACTION ITEMS

What are the priorities for us in the next month?

LIST ACTION ITEMS HERE:

1. Send new music notes home with kids the last week of February
2. Send survey to past WOW participants re: May "parent choice" session.
3. Create a new promo for May class when topic is decided.
4. Get some testimonials from past WOW participants
 - a. Connect w/ Jeff

NEXT MONTH DISCUSSION:

1. **Swap meet idea** (in-person and virtual event)
1. **Mural idea**