

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Montessori Planning Group Charge

Goal

The Montessori Planning Group will develop a series of recommendations to Dr. Tara Natrass regarding the grade configuration of the Montessori Program at Patrick Henry Elementary School, slated to open in 2019.

Charge

The planning group is charged with the following tasks:

1. Determine potential opportunities for incorporating differing grade levels in the program at Henry.
 - Review primary level data, including the history of numbers of primary program students at Drew and at satellite locations.
 - Review middle school level data, including the history of numbers of middle school level students.
 - Review capacity at Henry and potential for relocatables, if needed.
2. Examine available research about instructional impact of combining differing grade levels at the school.
 - Consider inclusion of primary years with elementary years.
 - Consider inclusion of middle school students (grade 6-8) with elementary years.
 - Consider inclusion of grade 6 students with the elementary years.
 - Consider other possibilities.
3. Obtain input from the community about various possibilities.
 - Hold a community meeting in October to share information and include the community in discussion of possibilities.
 - Conduct a parent survey among Montessori parents to determine interest.
4. Develop recommendations on grade configurations to Dr. Tara Natrass

Timeline

The planning group, consisting of parents and teachers with staff support from the Department of Instruction and Office of Planning, will begin meeting on October 4, 2017 and continue meeting every two weeks on October 18th, November 1st and November 15th. A community survey will be scheduled during this time period to gather input.

The planning group will present their recommendations to Dr. Natrass by November 15, 2017.