

**Third Montessori Naming Committee Meeting
Tue. October 30, 2018
Drew Elementary School**

Attendees:

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| 1. Montessori School Counselor | Diane Reeser |
| 2. Montessori Program Parent, Drew | Kia Haynes |
| 3. Montessori Teacher, Drew | Shevina Wilmore |
| 4. Montessori Teacher, Gunston Middle School | Nikole Joshi |
| 5. At-Large Community Member (non-Montessori) | Kathleen Trainor |
| 6. Parent, Arlington Montessori Action Committee | Sarah Botha (by phone) |
| 7. Arlington Heights Civic Association Representative | Kristi Sawert |
| 8. Penrose Civic Association Representative | Andy Greenwood |
| 9. Staff Liaison (Non-Voting) | Dulce Carrillo* |

Absent:

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| 1. Montessori Program Principal | Catharina Genove |
| 2. Montessori Program Parent, Carlin Springs | Susanna Nawrocki |
| 3. Montessori Program Parent, Hoffman-Boston | Julia McBride |

Principal Cathy Genove had an emergency. She appointed Diane Reeser to lead the third and final Montessori Naming Committee meeting.

Diane welcomed everyone and started the meeting by calling Sarah Botha by phone to join the committee conversation.

Goals of today's meeting:

1. Choose a name and an alternate name among the five options from the survey.
2. Designate representative from Committee to present to the School Board on Dec 6, 2018.

To recall, five finalist names from 10/17/18 meeting and subsequent survey:

- Monarch Montessori (MM)
- Kathryn Stone Montessori (KSM)
- Arlington County Montessori School (ACMS)
- Montessori School of Arlington County (MSAC)
- Arlington Public Montessori School (APMS)

Dulce provided Committee members copies of the survey results report with all 286 responses. Committee members did not receive additional paper surveys to include.

The Committee got right to work and first voted to remove “Monarch Montessori” from the list because “Monarch” is likely to become the school mascot. Also, due to the likelihood of confusion with similar names of other schools in the area.

One Committee member suggested removing “Kathryn Stone Montessori”. Another asked to keep it as an option. A vote was taken, and six committee members voted to remove KSM and two voted to keep it. Kathryn Stone Montessori was also removed.

It was pointed out that the initials PMS might be awkward, so changing the order of Arlington Public Montessori School to “Arlington Montessori Public School” was suggested.

To move forward, each Committee member was asked to state their first choice among the remaining three names, given the close survey results and their personal preferences.

Several liked the ring of “ACMS”. Another stated not being a fan of including the word “public” in the name, given that all APS schools are public.

Committee member	First choice	Second choice	Third choice
Diane	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Nikole	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Kia	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Shevina	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Kristi	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Sarah (by phone)	ACMS	MSAC	APMS
Andy	ACMS	AMPS	Montessori of AC
Kathleen	ACMS	APMS	MSAC
Cathy (by proxy)	ACMS		

Name to move forward:

1. **Arlington County Montessori School (ACMS) - Unanimous**

2. Montessori School of Arlington County (MSAC) (6-1-1) - Alternate

As for presenting to the School Board, the Montessori Naming Committee nominates Principal Cathy Genove to present and Kia Hayes to be the alternate presenter.

Next steps:

By Nov. 21 Committee proposes name and alternate to Superintendent

Thu. Dec. 6 Committee representative presents to School Board

Thu. Dec. 20 School Board takes action on name (votes)

The meeting was adjourned.

**Notes prepared by Dulce Carrillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement, School & Community Relations, Arlington Public Schools*