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**2017 - 2018
Annual Report**

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When children are active participants in their development from an early age, when their natural needs and tendencies are recognized and addressed, when choice is allowed and guided, when responsibility is expected and nurtured, a child emerges whose characteristics are concentration, self-discipline, love of learning, joy, and respect for others and for the world.

This child is our hope for a better future, for global understanding, for peace.

Current Teachers and Assistants

Cedar Room - Jannie Korchinski & Dana Ten Broeck
Ladybug Room - Robin Myers & Heather Kessler
Salamander Room - Nora Mix & Liz Riemer
Tree Frog Room - Sally Coulter & Tristan Takaro
Trillium Room - Katy Carter & Lani Mertes
Willow Room - Kathleen Berry, Gabriel Barber & Shanna Irvin
Educational Support - Felix Chirstian
Spanish - Ryan Comandich
Outdoor Education - Meghan Kearns

Current Administration

Head of School - Cathy Swan
Assistant Head of School - Meghan Kearns
Office Manager - Diana Good
Business Administrator - Kelly Ward
Director of Communications - Howard Fonda
Facilities Manager - Alan Juza
Facilities Assistant - Dan Mix

Board of Directors

Co-President - Jane Foerster
Co-President - Briana Traw
Secretary - Michael Barton
Treasurer - Jeff Petrillo
Mimi Burkholder
Sudarshan Cadambi
Luisa Ponzi
Atul Shah
Eric Thompson



Dear Friends and Families of MSB,

2017/2018 was a year of great changes, and remarkable achievements!

As we saw an opportunity to refinance our mortgage, we realized our goal of a remodel for the administration building was possible! We would finally be able to add a new building that would enable us to bring our community closer together. Generations of parents who gave generously to our Annual Appeals and Auctions of the past made this reality possible in the present: they paid-it-forward and helped us realize our dream. Our gratitude runs deep!



Working with Scott Edwards Architecture, we designed a remodel and an addition that includes a second bathroom, a private break room for staff, a designated work space for our various material-making projects, flex rooms for tutoring, office spaces, a gorgeous reception area with a place for sick children to be comfortable while waiting for their families to come get them, a conference room, an expanded kitchen to include a washer/dryer nook and features space for the children's various cooking projects, and a large beautiful community room that can be divided in half to house two simultaneous events at the same time. We also enclosed the covered area with garage doors that can lower when the winds blow, added a ball wall, and a community garden to support our many and on-going cooking projects.

The start of the school year found part of the administration housed in a construction trailer, with the rest of the team sharing a tight space in the Resource Room. The courtyard was fenced and impressive construction vehicles paraded around campus, but the classrooms remained the same. Staff had to park on Thompson Road, and families had to adjust to the pace of a one-lane drop-off and dismissal.



And yet we kept children safe, classrooms vibrant, and were able to carry on with another successful year.

We hosted Back-to-School events, New Parent Orientations, celebrated our community with a Fall Festival at Lake View Farms, and held a variety of parent workshops. We managed to send 11 staff members to the AMI/USA Refresher Course in Arizona. We celebrated our 40 years of history by holding our auction at the Hilton downtown, and welcoming our founders – Peter and Mary Davidson – to help us party. We celebrated community at our annual school picnic at Cook Park. We hosted another bittersweet graduation, joyously and tearfully launching more graduates out into the world to do us proud. And we started a new tradition: a bridging ceremony for

children to symbolically cross over from one level to the next.

It was a very full year!

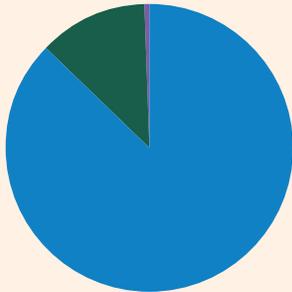
And here I am, writing from the office our founder would recognize as his own, hearing the laughter of staff as they come and go in this remarkable space. I know this is a unique school community that will prosper well in the decades to come.

- Cathy Swan



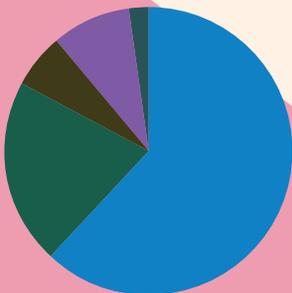
Revenue 2017 - 2018

Tuition & Fees	\$1,690,518
Fundraising	
Annual Appeal	\$56,755
Auction	\$122,915
Capital Campaign	\$25,451
Other Contributions	\$35,424
Investment & Misc.	\$5194
Total Revenue	\$1,936,257



Expenses 2017 -2018

Education	\$1,124,864
Administration	\$383,012
Facilities	\$163,088
Fundraising	\$102,459
Financial Aid	\$39,120
Total Expenses	\$1,812,543



Thank you, MSB community - Families, Staff and Board - who together contributed to our Annual Appeal! Your support demonstrates an understanding and endorsement of MSB and its mission.

Our Annual Auction was one fine party celebrating 40 years! Co-chairs Jacqueline Holden and Ciza Srivatsa organized our many volunteers and created a wonderful atmosphere for *Cheers to 40 Years* at the Hilton. Proceeds support our ongoing financial aid, professional development, Montessori materials and a healthy capital reserve. This amazing event is a cornerstone of our community.

As always, a heartfelt 'thank you' goes to all of you who have volunteered in so many ways, large and small. Your talents, care and generosity are greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you one and all.

The MSB Board of Directors is responsible for the financial stability of the school. With a Board-approved budget, MSB operates with predictable revenue and well-managed expenses. The Administration maintains a conservative fiscal agenda with our primary focus being exceptional childhood development and education.

As a non-profit organization, MSB's continued success depends on maintaining a strong fiscal foundation, and philanthropy plays a significant role. Our tight-knit community's contributions to our Annual Fund and Auction, coupled with a disciplined operating budget, ensure a solid fiscal reserve that can weather an unpredictable economic climate.