

For more information of to nominate yourself to serve on the Parent's Voice Board, please get in touch with Director Chris Dockery at TheLittleVillageMontessori@gmail.com

Parents' Voice

Parents' Voice is the forum at The Little Village Montessori School for communication between the school administration and parents of children who attend the school. A parent volunteer from each classroom serves as that classroom's Parents' Voice Representative. The Parents' Voice Representatives meet monthly with The Little Village Montessori School's director to discuss classroom and school events and issues.

The purpose of the Parents' Voice is to uphold the school's mission and to support and enhance the education of the children at The Little Village Montessori School. The primary goal of the Parents' Voice is to help initiate positive changes on behalf of the school's parents. Working together with the administration, the Parents' Voice group has the opportunity to make The Little Village Montessori School even better and to make our children's school experience the best it can be.

Job Description: Parents' Voice Representative

The Parents' Voice Representative for each classroom is a key contact person for matters concerning each classroom as well as the entire school. The Parents' Voice group discusses issues or topics brought up at meetings in order to come up with possible solutions or answers. A Parents' Voice Representative must be accessible (by phone or e-mail, or in person) to other parents and willing to attend a monthly hour-long meeting at school. The monthly meetings are held October through June on a day that is agreed upon by the entire group.

Some topics that have been addressed by Parents' Voice groups in the past include: emergency planning, appropriate snacks, classroom field trips and events, school security, parent education topics, summer camp programming, ongoing school information, teacher appreciation, school-wide community building, parent-teacher communication, and administration-parent communication and concerns.

After each monthly meeting, it is the responsibility of the Parents' Voice Secretary to write up his or her meeting notes and circulate them among all Parents' Voice members for review and approval. Once they have been finalized, each Parents' Voice Representative distributes the notes by e-mail or by hand to each family in their respective classroom. Throughout the school year, the Parents' Voice Representatives will contact their classroom's parents for opinions, suggestions, and ideas. This may also include informal votes on issues, if necessary.

Selection of Parents' Voice Representatives

The Parents' Voice Representative for each classroom is either self-nominated or identified and asked by classroom teachers and/or the administration. Each spring, the Parents' Voice determines a President, Vice President, and Secretary ("officers") for the coming fall. Parents' Voice Representatives' officers must have had a child enrolled at The Little Village Montessori

School for at least one full school year. In addition, the selected parents must have time available to fulfill the duties as outlined above.