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**ENGAGED COMMUNITIES**

We value the active involvement of family, faculty, and friends.
Dear Friends,

Children and the love of learning are the heart of the mission of the Montessori School of Lake Forest. As we celebrate our 45th Anniversary, our commitment to the mission is strong and energized. We look with determination to the future and to developing new and creative ways of advancing, organizing, and disseminating knowledge in order to prepare children for successful lives.

We have talked to our parents, board members, faculty, staff and students, in an effort to gain their perspective on how a Montessori education contributes to their successes. These discussions provided a framework for our new strategic plan, which provides direction and purpose for MSLF.

We are pleased to report that MSLF is thriving in these uncertain economic times and despite a change of leadership. Enrollment is steadily increasing, and our 0 – 3 programs are bursting at the seams. Our extra-curricular programs in music, foreign language, dance, and sports are becoming increasingly popular and enrollment in our full-day, full-year programs has more than doubled.

Under the leadership of the Board and through the generous support of the ever-expanding MSLF community, we are able to embrace the future with confidence. With an enrollment of over 200 students, and a successful Annual Giving Program and Big Possibilities Benefit, our school is once again financially stable. To maintain this tradition we must pursue our goals by means of a shared vision of a Montessori school that “evolves in relevant and measurable ways the principals of Montessori education for the benefit of children of the 21st century.”

On behalf of the children of the 21st century, we have set key priorities for the next stage of our work, to help us meet the following goals:

1. Demonstrate and communicate educational excellence.
2. Recruit, retain, and support exceptional faculty and staff.
3. Foster a vibrant and fully engaged school community.
4. Establish a sustainable monetary endowment to assure enduring financial strength and stability.
5. Enhance and promote Laurel Avenue and Prairie Crossing facilities and grounds.

As you read this Annual Report, please know how deeply grateful we are to you. Thank you for sharing in the excitement of preparing children for life.

Lissa Hektor  Brian Abrams
Executive Director    Board President

THANK YOU!

A special Thank You to Past Board President Renée Baldwin for her 10 years of service as MSLF Board President and Board Member. Her service and dedication are sincerely appreciated.
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE & EXPENSES
(IN 000's)

Revenue

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Audit report available upon request.

Interest Less than 1%
Contributions 4%
Fundraising 6%
Tuition & Fees 90%
Interest Expense 10%
Facilities 16%
Administration 18%
Instruction 56%
Throughout the school children stepped up to the next level. Parent Infant children were welcomed into Toddler, Toddler into Primary, Extended Day children were welcomed into Lower Elementary, third years into Upper Elementary and sixth years into our Adolescent Program!

The following children we honored at our Annual Stepping Up Ceremony:

**PARENT INFANT to TODDLER:** Ella Korczak and Margot Allen.

**TODDLER to PRIMARY:** Lucy Atkinson, Makayla Boone, Quinn Douglas, Benjamin Erulkar, Ferran Espinosa, Morgan Orr, Christian Martinez, Sarita Narasimha, Veronica Ramirez, Iman Rasidagic, Carolyn Stach, Martin Suarez, and Jeevun Tarsney.

**PRIMARY to LOWER ELEMENTARY:** Lauren Atchley, Benjamin Atkinson, Maeve Brady, Tessa Buhl, David Camargo, Paul Carney, Stefan Carney, Choe Chan, Jeremy Folker, Melissa George, Steven Hooke, Noah Horning, Ilan Hurtado, Harry Jenkins, Kamraan Kaka, Sanjana Kuchibhotla, Darla Olesen, Elizabeth Mancusi, Olivia Mancusi, Yusra Mekki, Andromeda Nerge, Henry Quillin, Sankirtana Ravichandran, Priyanka Shevade, Alejandro Taylor, Max Wesolowski, Andrew Zengeler, and Oleksa Zobkiv.

**LOWER ELEMENTARY to UPPER ELEMENTARY:** Celine Boulay, Amanda George, Andrew Hooke, Mark Kosmerl, Allison Quackenbush, Omar Rasidagic, Peter Sparrow, Gianna Stompanato, Rafael Swerdlin, Elizabeth Ward, and Anais Zoub.

**UPPER ELEMENTARY to ADOLESCENT:** Erin Abrams, Paul Ahern, Ela Boddicker, Rachel George, Courtney Liptay, Madeline McWilliams, Selene Serkland, and Eleanore van Marwijk Kooy.

We are pleased and proud to announce the graduation of the Montessori School of Lake Forest Class of 2010. Bobby Schulz and Ian Surroz graduated on Thursday, June 10. Congratulations, everyone! Bobby will attend The Prairie School in Racine, Wisconsin, and Ian will attend Grayslake Central High School.

**RESPECT FOR THE CHILD**

We respect each child and are committed to guiding each student on his or her own individual path to independence and intellectual development.
As head of the Fundraising Committee, I am pleased to report that we raised over $86,000 during the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. Donations were solicited from a wide range of potential donors, including parents, teachers and staff, Board, alumni, corporations and grandparents, with a participation rate of 60% from parents and 100% from teachers, staff and Board. The Committee worked jointly with our Executive Director, Lissa Hektor to ensure a successful campaign.

Victoria F. Stach

**BIG POSSIBILITIES BENEFIT**

Thank you to all the magnificent, dedicated and competent volunteers, faculty, staff and children.

This event would not be possible without the generous contributions of time, talent, money, and auction items by many, many people and organizations. This year’s Big Possibilities Benefit, Cherry Blossom Gala, was a huge success. March 20, 2010, Independence Grove in Libertyville was the perfect venue for this much anticipated evening. The live and silent auctions generated competitive bidding for many coveted items including parking spots, a Ritz Carlton vacation, Oprah and Super Bowl tickets, and so much more! Ticket reservations garnered an impressive 200-plus guests, and efforts brought about a wonderful community spirit, as well as revenue that will directly benefit our school and the children. Thank you to all, but especially our Benefit Chair person and Board member, Nicole Korczak, for organizing such a splendid event. Nicole directed a large group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to help the school realize the many Big Possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you, Nicole, for a truly memorable evening.
The Montessori School of Lake Forest’s Annual Giving is the foundation for the school’s fund-raising needs. Tuition covers only 90 percent of the annual budget requirements, and the remaining ten percent comes from generous donors. Annual Giving contributions supplement the operating budget therefore avoiding the need for higher tuition. MSLF asks every family, every year to show its commitment to the school by supporting Annual Giving. Each contribution makes it possible for MSLF to continue providing exception education programs and a diverse socio-economic learning environment.

When everyone contributes to the school’s shared mission, no matter the level, it demonstrates what it truly means to be a community.

Thank you for participating in our Annual Giving program. Together, we can make a difference for MSLF and its children, now and in the future.
The following amounts represent donations made in the combined categories of Annual Giving, and both event purchases and sponsorships at the Annual Big Possibilities Benefit. We very much appreciate your generosity and look forward to our community’s ongoing support...every family...every year.

$10,000 +
Mr. and Mrs. David Hooke
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Schreuder
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zengeler

$5,000 - $9,999
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Abrams
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Baldwin
Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Erulkar
Mr. and Mrs. James and Nicole Korczak
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mancusi
Mr. and Mrs. Humberto Martinez, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stach
Mr. and Mrs. John Vignocchi

$2,500 - $4,999
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ahern
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Abrams
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Baldwin
Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Erulkar
Mr. and Mrs. John DiTomasso
Ms. Kathryn Jasinski
Mr. and Mrs. Kristian Kozbina
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Liptay
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manelly
Dr. W. Mirea and Ms. Z. Alvi
Motorola Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nielsen
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Quackenbush
Mr. A. Shevade and Dr. V. Kulkarni
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Todd
Mr. and Mrs. Sabir Wadhwani
Mr. G. Walters and Ms. J. Emery

$1,000 - $2,499
Abbott Fund
Adam Street Partners, LLC

DIVERSITY AND COOPERATION
We value carefully balanced classrooms which provide diversity in age, background, and skill level as a way to teach cooperation, mutual respect, and peaceful resolution of conflicts - critical skills of effective citizens in a democratic society.
Mr. and Mrs. Vince Sparrow
Mr. and Mrs. Corey Tobin
Mr. M. Werba and Ms. E. Chang

$250 - $499
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson
Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. David Buhl
Mr. I. Espinosa and Ms. C. Cuyas
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Folker
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glusic
Mr. and Mrs. James Horning
HSBC
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jenkins
Dr. V. Jindal and Dr. R. Khanna
Kraft
Mr. Tim Kueck
Dr. M. Narasimha and Dr. K. Madamala
Ms. Beth Nielsen
Dr. and Mrs. James Quillin
Dr. J. Ramirez and Mrs. J. Haddad Ramirez
Mr. Rocky Vanders
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Seeler
Mrs. Mary Christine Siqueira
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stompanato
Dr. and Mrs. Hiel Swerdlin

$100 - $249
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Adams
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Allegretti
Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Alvarez
Mr. and Mrs. David Balmeri
Mr. D. Bernhart and Ms. E. Fields
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boddicker
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brumlak
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burt
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carney
Mr. D. Chung and Mrs. A. Hoang
Mrs. Rosa Ernst
Mr. T. Escoffon and Ms. C. Roudet
Mr. M. Hurtado and Ms. J. Haddad
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hinkle
Dr. S. Janas and Dr. S. Janas
Mr. Quid Kaka and Mrs. Rashida Hussain-Kaka
Mrs. Suzanne Kosmerl
Ms. Stella Maneusi
Mr. and Mrs. Ted McDowell
Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murphy
Ms. Marcella Olesen
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Peters
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reid
Riddle-McIntyre, Inc
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Shanahan
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Shea
Ms. Elisabeth Stowick
Mr. and Mrs. Irak Stryk
Mr. A. Suarez and Ms. A. Jaramillo
Mrs. Carol Torres
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tarsney
Ms. Maria Tatone
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tomaska
Volkswagen Group of America
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wehmeyer
Mrs. Patricia Weiland
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wisniewski
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zhang
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zoub

$1 - $99
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Adamczyk
Mr. and Mrs. Fouad Amer
Anonymous
Dr. and Mrs. AlaDean Attar
Ms. Linda L. Brady
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlstrom
Ms. Paula Cantor
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke
Mr. and Mrs. David Claye
Ms. Maria Cretu
Mrs. Margo Czechowski
Ms. Linda Davis
Mrs. Linda Dolster
Mr. Vittorio Fabbri
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ferris
Mrs. Elaine Fotopoulos
Mr. John Glusic
Ms. Lauren Greene
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Haynes
Ms. Joyce C. Haynes
Hospira Employee Giving Campaign
Mr. Walter Jackson and Ms. Carol Harding
Ms. Danielle Jakos
Mr. Gerald Jakubowski
Mr. and Mrs. Riyaz Kaka
Mr. and Mrs. Kal Kharmeneh
Ms. Jannet Kielty
Mrs. and Mrs. Leo Korczak
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kosmerl
Ms. Carolyn Lanni
Ms. Eva Leung
Ms. Tami Levandowski
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ling
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Malm
Mrs. Maria Mancusi
Mr. Jay Mannelly
Ms. Montserrat Mares
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McVeigh
Mr. and Mrs. Abbas Navsariwala
Mr. Colin Palombi
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pavlich
Ms. Monica Pearson
Mrs. JoAnn Schulz
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schwartz
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Siegel
Ms. Jill Simonides
Mr. Leonard Stach
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Surroz
Dr. and Mrs. Hiel Swerdlin
Mr. Thornton Swisher
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. van Marwijk Kooy
Mr. and Mrs. Sabir Wadhwa
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wehmeyer

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS
BUSINESS DONATIONS
Martha Abelson Photography
Address Your Mess - Beth Nicholson
Angela Alvarez Collections

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS
FAMILY DONATIONS
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Abrams
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ahern
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alexos
Ms. Hope Allegretti
Mr. and Mrs. Sunil Aluvila
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Baldwin
Mr. D. Block and Mrs. M. McGuire
Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Boone
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boulay
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brumlak
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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cullen
Mr. and Mrs. Monte Dillow
Mr. and Mrs. John DiTomasso
Ms. Rosa Ernst
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Folker
Mr. Kevin Gallagher
Drs. Nader and Nita Gill
Mrs. Michaela Glusic
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Ms. Becki Gscheidew
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harold
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Mr. Tommy John
Ms. Ann Jordahl
Ms. Erin Khameneh
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Koening
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Mr. J. Rubinstein and Ms. A. Francetic
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Ms. Debbie Seeler
The Skinner-King Family
The Schumann Family
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SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-KNOWLEDGE
We value learning in prepared environments as a way to promote natural curiosity, self-development, and self-knowledge.
Parent Deposit Donation

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The Bent Fork Bakery
Bill’s Pub North
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The Bootery - Highland Park
Brunswick Zone
Buffalo Wild Wings
Mr. Eric Carle
Casa Bonita
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Chalet Nursery
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Chicago Bears
Chicago Botanic Garden
Chicago Children’s Museum
Chicago Cubs
Chicago History Museum
Chicago White Sox
Chicago Wolves Hockey
Classical Ballet & Dance School-Irina Maklai
The Daily Grind
The Dog Out
Ella Wrap
Erehwon
Fitzgerald Photography
FPA and Dana Dombrowski
Golf
Griffith Design Build, Inc
Gymboree Play and Music
HARPS Horse Rescue Farm
Helanders Stationers
Hester Painting and Decorating
Hidden Knoll Farm
Hilton Garden Inn
Holly Nagel’s Twist n Shout
Horsefeathers
Illinois Railway Museum
The Initial Choice
James Martin Associates, Inc
The Joffrey Ballet
Kiddles, Inc
Kid Snips
The Kirik Players
Kneen & Co
Fort Sheridan Animal Medical Center
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Lake Forest Symphony
Language Stars
Leslie Hindman Auctioneers
Libertyville Gymnastics Academy
Lillie Alexander LTD
Lionstone International
Michelle Litvin & Brad Rowley
Mariani Landscape
Marriott Theatre
McLaughlin Fitness Systems
Mickey Finn’s
Museum of Science and Industry Chicago
Mr. Kraig Moreland
Nature’s Farm
New Music School
North Shore Gymnasium
The Optometrists of Lake Forest
Organic Valley
Panera Bread, LLC
Penny’s From Heaven
Prairie Crossing Learning Farms
Prism Photo
Pump It Up
Ravinia
Redbox - Jason Rubinstein
Renu Day Spa
Residence Inn By Marriott
Lisa Rosen
Sage Grille
Samlesbury Hall, LTD
Yury Shulman
Skin Deep Medical Spa - Teodora Boboc
Skokie Valley Laundry
South Gate Café
Stoney River
Sweets
Mr. John Larson
Tavern Tras Grill
Teddie Kossof
The Toy Station
Timothy O’Toole’s
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We are very hopeful that this event will become a great avenue for camaraderie, goodwill and friendship in the MSLF community for many years to come.

As a new benefit to the school as well as a great way of building on new and old relationships with the outside community, we are excited by and proud of the response.

Thank you once again for the participation, support and volunteer time to everyone involved. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better event in 2010!

Sincerely,
Humberto Martinez, Jr.
Dave Block
Committee Chairs

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The Montessori School of Lake Forest Jens Jensen Terrace and Walkway, located outside the Multipurpose Room and overlooking the Prairie and Oak Savanna, form a lasting tribute to all who participate. Join our Montessori family and friends ~ be the true building blocks of our school. The purchase of a personalized brick is a lasting way to say Thank You to a family member, friend, or teacher, or to commemorate a loved one.

Brick Dedications 2009 - 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alexos  
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Ms. Beverly Jean Falbe  
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Siegel

Rummage Sale

Thoughts on Rummage

The idea of a rummage sale was first proposed in 2000. For those who have taken part, you know the Annual Rummage Sale is a remarkable event.

We are amazed year after year by the amount of donated treasures! Gilt lamps, exquisite dolls, one-of-a-kind artwork, bikes, toys and clothes, oh the clothes! That first year we grossed $15,000, just half of the $30,000 we netted this year. Over the years, the sale has brought the school over $200,000.00! Not bad for what some may call rubbish!

In addition to the monetary success, there is great joy when someone walks away with “just what they needed” at a terrific price, or a shopper’s eyes light up at the sight of an incredible find!

We are happy to report that this year’s Annual Rummage Sale was a terrific success.

Yours in closet cleaning,  
Renée Baldwin
A Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer parents and community leaders. MSLF encourages all contributions of wealth and talent that its parents choose to offer, and thanks all for the many ways, big and small, that their gifts, as volunteers and as contributors, enhance the quality of their children’s education.

**Committee on Finance**

**Jana Schreuder - Chair**

*Committee Description:*
The finance committee works with staff to prepare the School’s annual operating and capital budgets and long-range financial plan; monitors all financial activity in greater detail than the Board as a whole; develops financial policies; and brings all such items to the Board for its approval, along with regular financial reports for the Board’s information. This committee works closely with the school’s Executive Director.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
Over the course of the school year, the Committee on Finance facilitated renewal of Bond financing, preparation of the fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget recommendation, allocation of Financial Aid, and selection of the independent Auditor. In addition to providing oversight of periodic Financial Statements and Bond Covenant compliance, the Committee also initiated a review of financially related policies and contributed to the Strategic Plan for MSLF. At year end, the position of Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair was transferred to Vicki Stach from retiring Board member Jana Schreuder.

**Committee on Marketing: David Hooke - Chair**

*Committee Description:*
The Marketing Committee is committed to promoting the growth and expansion of knowledge of the school, its facilities, and the Montessori philosophy. This committee acts as a resource and a consultant to other committees and the Board.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
Working steadily throughout the year, the Marketing Committee analyzed MSLF’s marketing and outreach needs, and constructed tools and developed media relationships to support those needs. The Marketing Committee:
- Redesigned the MSLF website to increase functionality for parents, staff and inquiring families;
- Created a comprehensive marketing plan to increase exposure in print media and community bulletin boards;
- Consolidated a print ad color scheme and theme to create a cohesive marketing campaign;
- Expanded and updated MSLF’s photo archive to reflect MSLF’s diverse community and age range in marketing materials;
- Nominated and supported faculty members for local teacher recognition and appreciation awards;
- Created “Proud Parent Cards” to kick off MSLF’s new Vision, Mission and Values;
- Refreshed MSLF print communications to ensure a longer “shelf life.”

**Committee on Advancement/Fundraising**

**Vicki Stach - Chair**

*Committee Description:*
The Fundraising Committee maintains general oversight of MSLF’s the fundraising plans, both long range and annual.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
The Fundraising Committee reports that over $86,000 was raised during the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. Donations were solicited from a wide range of potential donors including parents, faculty, staff, alumni, corporations and grandparents. Participation rates were 60% from parents and 100% from faculty, staff and the Board. The Committee worked jointly with Executive Director, Lissa Hektor to ensure a successful campaign.
**Committee on Special Events**

NICOLE KORCZAK - CHAIR

*Committee Description:*
Working with the Fundraising Committee, the Committee on Special Events plans, organizes and conducts special events on behalf of the school including the Big Possibilities Benefit and the Golf Outing.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
The MSLF community celebrated numerous Special Events that connected families and supported the school. Golfers at every level turned out to enjoy our First Golf Outing, “Fore the Love of Golf!” and the outing’s tremendous success made it an annual event! Fall Fest was well attended and loads of fun, and our community turned out big-time as well for the End of Year Picnic. To top it all off, we celebrated the first day of Spring in true MSLF style with our Big Possibilities Benefit, “Cherry Blossom Gala” which offered elegant Asian flair and a wide array of wonderful donations, and saw many paddles raised to support our Love of Learning. These special events showcased the generosity of MSLF’s dynamic and diverse community and united our Parents, Faculty, Staff, Board of Directors, Alumni, Grandparents and Friends.

**Committee on Facilities**

KATHERINE RITTER & DAVE BLOCK - CO CHAIRS

*Committee Description:*
The Facilities Committee supports the maintenance and development of both MSLF campuses. This committee works conjointly with the Executive Director and faculty to continue to sustain MSLF’s Montessori vision in all of its environments.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
This year the Facilities Committee accomplished many things. We organized successful volunteer spring and fall clean up days at both MSLF campuses. We addressed the Laurel Drive campus’ leaky roof, and have overseen the installation of new roof areas at two of the six locations, including the small area over the multi-purpose room stage. We have overseen replacement of entry doors at the Laurel Drive Campus. We commissioned a study on exterior building maintenance at the Laurel Drive campus, which will guide future activities. Further, we initiated Blue House Cost Studies to determine how and when to renovate/expand the Adolescent Program’s campus, at Prairie Crossing.

**Committee on Strategic Planning**

JAN EMERY - CHAIR

*Committee Description:*
Working together with MSLF’s Executive Director, faculty and staff, this “vision” oriented committee develops, reviews, updates, and amends the five-year strategic plan. It recommends action plans to the Board and measures progress annually.

*2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
Building on information gathered from the MSLF community over the past several years, the Strategic Planning Committee examined the school’s definitional statements and strategic direction. A team of parents, faculty, and staff reviewed and updated the school’s Vision, Mission, and Values statements to provide clarity of purpose and inspire us toward a meaningful future, by articulating MSLF’s essential beliefs. In addition, five overarching strategic goals for the next three years were determined and subcommittees began to construct the objectives and strategies to provide the framework for achieving these goals. The Committee appreciates the support and participation of the MSLF community in these efforts on behalf of the children and looks forward as the same commitment and dedication move us joyously and effectively through the work of the new school year.

**Committee For the Executive Director Search**

BRIAN ABRAMS, JAN EMERY & JAMES Quillin - CO CHAIRS

*Committee Description and 2009-2010 Accomplishments Summary:*
A small, ad-hoc committee of Board members, informed by faculty and administration representatives, worked to ensure a thorough and effective search for our next Executive Director. With facilitation from an executive search consulting firm, we gathered opinions from parents, faculty, and staff both via online survey and in-person focus groups. Based on this input, profile and job descriptions were created. The position has been advertised through a variety of channels and we have received responses from a number of qualified candidates. The work will continue in the coming school year, culminating with the selection of a new Director and an appropriately tailored transition plan. We thank the MSLF community for its support.
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Employed During 2009-2010
- Heather Stryjewski

**Administrative Staff**

Executive Director
- Lissa Hektor

Business Manager
- Chris Klimusko

Admission Director
- Ellen Pavelich

Facilities Coordinator
- Kevin Gallagher

Administrative Assistant
- Karyn Celaric

Receptionist
- Linda Dolister

Nurse
- Erin Khameneh

Kitchen Assistant
- Sue Adams

Janitorial Staff
- Emir Calderon

Janitorial Staff
- Maria de Jesus Rios

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