



Board Members present

Walt Semsen, Justin Myers, Will Sarkisian, Jim Harvey

Others present

Stephanie Torok, Annie Stayer, Beth Duncan, Donnie Wright, Michael McDaniel, Kristie Laxague, Aleja Oliva, Haley Harper, Hayley Blume, Stephanie Petrey, AnnaMarie Cover

Justin called the meeting to order at 4:33pm and opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

March minutes approved, all in favor.

Public Comment

N/A

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting:

Grandparents' Day was wonderful! They were so blessed! They were able to watch performances and they had a delicious brunch. Next year we will hold a dress rehearsal so parents can come and watch it. We need to investigate a way to record all our big productions. We were closed on April 5th due to the snowstorm. Stephanie was in Florida that week, Donnie was acting Administrator. This month 5th & 6th grade will be going to science camp, and 7th & 8th grade will be going to D.C. WSF & PTF helped financially for these trips, thank you! Kim Knowles has started Kinder assessments this week. Parent/Teacher conferences are next Wednesday. They are as needed conferences. We are posting the 4th grade teaching position on Edjoin tomorrow. Three of our teachers did the 6-week Love and Logic course at Columbia College and loved it. A few parents have chatted with Tyler Newton about the Adventist HS. AnnaMarie took notes at the meeting and posted them on GroupMe for the parents that couldn't attend. Raises for staff were approved.

PTF Report

Hayley Blume reporting:

There is a PTF meeting tomorrow. Staff/Teacher appreciation week is coming up, we're keeping it simple this year. The total from the Book Fair is approximately \$5,000. That money will be spent on new books for the library. The shade sails that were re-ordered, came out of the facilities account.

Financial Report

Beth Duncan reporting:

Everything is on track and current. There was an increase in SAF. Jim and Beth will connect at some point to clean up and simplify the profit and loss sheet. A few parents had questions about the registration fee and book/supply fee. They are questioning where the registration fee money goes and if the book/supply fee is all going towards books and supplies. The book/supply fees go into the general fund and are used for all curriculum. The price of curriculum has gone up 38%. Our fees are important. Parents suggested combining the fees within tuition so parents don't have to pay that separately upfront.



Teacher Report

Nothing to report

Preschool Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Facilities and Projects

Donnie Wright reporting:

An updated facilities list was given to the board. Donnie is looking for a certain type of drill bit to continue the sewer project connected to the washing machine in the boiler room. He has a couple of people in mind that might have one. Mike Niven and Joe Pluim were suggested. Gym steps and roof repair need to be done. The gym side door frame is coming apart, we need to get that repaired when we replace the double doors. The frame will need to be metal. We would like them to be replaced with the same electronic doors that we have in the front main building. A large generator was donated to us in exchange for our much smaller generator. We need to get the propane and electrical hooked up to it. It will power all three buildings. June 10th is when the parking lot will be resurfaced. A couple of wish list items from Donnie: Stripe & seal the upper & lower parking lot. Stripe & put-up signs at the crosswalk on short street. Justin asked Donnie to email Quincy Yaley and to cc him. The bathroom remodels will start this summer.

Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan will be updated this summer.

Curriculum

Nothing to report

Financial Development

Nothing to report

New Business

MLCS By-Laws discussion:

The By-Laws were revised in 2021. They are very similar to an elder run church. Parents are concerned that Board Members are choosing the future Board Members. Parents would like to have a say and to vote on future members. 4 out of our 5 current Board Members do not have children that currently attend MLCS. We need more parents to step forward and commit. They would like an opportunity to serve and have a say. The Board is very open to hearing ideas from parents. The greatest challenge right now is finding people who have experience and commitment. It's important to have a good balance of people with different strengths and backgrounds. The Board has reached out to 10 people asking if they were interested. They have received 3 applications. There was an email sent out to the parents inviting them to submit applications. From this day forward, the Board will notify parents via email when someone has been nominated and starting their 60-day probationary. If anyone would like to serve, or if anyone knows of someone who would like to, please contact the Board. The Board appreciates all the feedback. Class mom's will start posting on their grade level GroupMe, Board meeting and PTF meeting reminders. This might get more parents involved. As the Board meeting minutes are approved, Kim Hartsell will post them on our school website for public viewing.

The meeting ended at 6:08pm.

Next meeting is May 14, 2024 at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

-Closed session-