



MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2024

Board Members present

Walt Semsen, Justin Myers, Ryan Detrick, Jim Harvey.

Others present

Stephanie Torok, Stephanie Petrey, Annie Stayer, Beth Duncan, Donnie Wright, Karen and Michael McDaniel, Kim Hartsell, Denise Peck, Hayley Blume, Christine Finlay and Kristie Laxague.

Justin called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and Ryan opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of June 11th minutes. Justin made a motion to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Public Comment

Michael McDaniel Mentioned that a section in our bylaws will be expiring soon. The Board said that it's being discussed, and no action will take place tonight.

Donnie would like to have a visionary committee added to our strategic plan. It would be beneficial to have a 3, 5, and 10 year vision for our school.

Shayna Young sent a letter to the Board, she was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so Justin read it aloud. She is concerned about the way we calculate our GPA's. She doesn't like our system and would like this issue to be revisited, and she would like a clear explanation. Stephanie responded to Shayna back in January when her issue was first brought up, and via email this second time to give her the same explanation. The Board doesn't feel like we need to discuss this any further, our system is very fair.

Christine Finlay asked if the Board would reconsider the part time teacher student discount. They are never really working part time. She asked the Board to discuss this topic again.

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting:

We are getting so much accomplished this summer! Donnie and Matt have been checking off very important facility projects. Matt is such a hard worker and has saved us so much money. Volunteers have been helping to keep our campus beautiful and maintained. The finance office has been working hard on the budget, as Stephanie Petrey has been learning the ropes. Coming up, Beth is taking 2 weeks off to go to Europe, and when she returns Shelli will be taking 3 weeks off. Preschool has been a team effort between me, Denise and Kim. The families haven't noticed any of the learning hiccups. Crystal Wolf will start on August 1st as our new preschool director. She's going to be great. Three of her children will be students here. Our school theme this year will be "Victory". We must seek victory here on campus. We are holding aide interviews this Thursday. Schedules have been changing constantly for next year and our teachers have had flexible and willing hearts.



PTF Report

Hayley Blume reporting:

PTF had a meeting on July 2nd, our PTF Board has been decided. Julie Smith President, Hayley Blume Vice President, Haley Harper Secretary, Holliday Calistro Treasurer, and AnnaMarie Cover Liaison/Room Mom. This year they are getting a jump on things. This years Jog-a-thon theme is Harmony & Hospitality. Our goal is to raise enough money to advance our event spaces. We would like to have the Jog-a-thon at Westside this year and make it a color run! Our back-to-school dance will be a 50's theme. We're planning on hosting a skate night in February, and a sunrise hike in the spring. Dates for the staff lunches have been mapped out.

Financial Report

Beth Duncan reporting:

We are on track, and everything looks good. Our projected budget came close to our P & L. Everything was paid for on time. We are finally getting monthly reports from SAF.

Teacher Report

Karen McDaniel reporting:

We are all looking forward to the school year and are very excited! Planners will be provided for 3-6th graders this year. We want to set up the students and parents for success.

Preschool Report

Denise Peck reporting:

A new aid has been hired and she's doing great. Our Fall classes are full. Crystal Wolf will be starting on August 1st as the new Preschool Director.

Facilities and Projects

Donnie Wright reporting:

Donnie gave the Board an updated projects list explaining where we are at. We won't be starting on the downstairs girls bathroom quite yet. There might be water leaks, and that project wouldn't be completed before school starts. We're still under budget for that project and we will have enough money to complete it at that time. He wants to focus on other projects. Projects that will be done before school starts: Boys bathroom, gym roof, double doors for the gym, plumbing the heater for the stage, striping the parking lot, and removing the weeds in the playground. We won't get new bark this year, but next year we will probably need it. Our Central Heat & Air service agreement is to service all our heating and air units for \$1,120.00 twice a year. Justin said to put that cost within our facilities budget.



Old Business

Strategic Plan

The Board will discuss the idea of a Visionary Committee.

Class Sizes

The Board has discussed this issue, and we will continue with our current class size policy. No further action will be taken on this matter.

Board Member Search

Nothing new to report, contact the Board if you or anyone you know is interested.

New Business

Justin read a letter sent from AnnaMarie Cover. She was expressing her gratitude for all the love and support they received when Ethan had his accident. Ethan is doing much better. He still has a long road ahead of him, but they are grateful for where he is at.

Adam Herd was a tragic loss recently. A memorial fund has been set up for the girls.

The meeting ended at 5:39pm.

Next meeting is August 13, 2024 at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

-Closed session-