



## MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2024

### **Board Members present**

Justin Myers, Ryan Detrick, Will Sarkisian, Jim Harvey, Kristie Laxague

### **Others present**

Walt Semsen, Stephanie Torok, Beth Duncan, Shelli Oliver, Kim Hartsell, Donnie Wright, Karen and Michael McDaniel, Crystal Wolf, Denise Peck, AnnaMarie Cover, Rachel and Ali Talavera.

**Justin called the meeting to order at 4:31pm and Will opened with prayer.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of July 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes: Justin noted that the minutes had been amended to reflect that Kristie was not on the board at that time. Justin then asked for a motion to accept. Ryan made a motion to accept with the change, Will seconded the motion; all approved, and motion passed.

### **Recognition of Walt Semsen's resignation from the board.**

Justin took a moment to acknowledge Walt Semsen's retirement from the Board after 30 plus years and for his behind the scenes work at the Thrift Stores and Jubilee. Justin stated that words are not enough to express what Walt does for the school. Walt said he has thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship with the members over the years. Walt ended his comments by saying, now it's time to get back to work.

### **Public Comment**

None at this time

### **Reports**

#### **Administrator Report**

Stephanie Torok reporting:

Tomorrow, all the MLCS staff is meeting at Christian Beret campground for our retreat day. Our theme this year is Victory! We want to help each child succeed academically, socially and spiritually. For us to attain that victory, every six weeks we will be focusing on a teaching skill or strategy. We have been focusing heavily these past few years on reading and writing programs and we will continue that this year. We will be ready to transition that focus to history or science next year. We are fully staffed in our K-8! We are stepping into the year with gratefulness and confidence!

#### **PTF Report**

AnnaMarie did an impromptu report that Jog-A-Thon is moving forward with business sponsors. PTF is also helping with "Meet the Teacher" on the 20<sup>th</sup> with refreshments.

#### **Financial Report**

Beth Duncan reporting:

We are starting the new year on track. The SAF statements will be presented one month behind due to the timing of release by SAF.



## **Teacher Report**

None at this time

## **Preschool Report**

Justin welcomed our new Preschool Director, Crystal Wolf. Crystal stated everyone has been so welcoming and that Denise Peck is a great help when she needs clarification. There are currently 40 children on the waiting list, and she is working on a schedule in hope to fill them in on odd days. Crystal noted that she is excited for the year and that her children will be attending kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade here at MLCS.

## **Facilities and Projects**

Donnie Wright reporting:

The grounds are being cleaned up and should be done prior to school starting. The final work to install partitions for the boys' bathroom remodel should be completed by the 18th. All projects are done except for the girls' bathroom which will have to be done next year. Jim Harvey thanked Donnie for all the hard work that has taken place this summer: repaving and striping of the parking lot, repair of the gym roof, new double doors for the gym, stage heater improvements and many other facility updates. Justin noted that the school grounds look much more inviting with the shade structure and parking lot complete.

Donnie confirmed that all items on the insurance list have been completed.

## **Old Business**

### **Strategic Plan**

Strategic Committee is still needed to be formed with new members.

### **Board Member Search**

Contact the Board if you or anyone you know is interested.

## **New Business**

### **New Board Member**

Justin introduced Kristie Laxague as the newest member of the board effective August 10, 2024.

### **Ethan Cover update**

Justin asked AnnaMarie for an update on Ethan. AnnaMarie said he is doing well but needs to get into PT for his left arm because his mobility is still weak. His age has helped him heal and they are thankful for the support from the school.

### **Herd family update**

Stephanie Torok: Contributions to the Adam Herd Memorial have covered the girls' tuition for this year 24/25 and have partially funded the 25/26 school year. It has been a blessing to see the community respond.

**The meeting ended at 4:59pm.**

**Next meeting is September 10, 2024 at 4:30pm in the Chapel.**

**-Closed session-**

\*\*Minutes taken by Kim Hartsell in Annie Stayer's absence.