

MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2024



Board Members present

Justin Myers, Ryan Detrick, Jim Harvey, Kristie Laxague

Others present

Stephanie Torok, Annie Stayer, Hayley Blume, Chara Revord, Aleja Oliva, Leeann Lupo, David Estes, Stephanie Niven, Haley Harper, Kim Hartsell, Karen and Michael McDaniel, Crystal Wolf, Denise Peck, Steve Hinshaw.

Justin called the meeting to order at 4:34pm and Ryan opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of August minutes: Justin opened a motion to approve. Jim 1st, Ryan 2nd, all in favor.

Public Comment

Leeann Lupo sent an email to the Board. She has concerns regarding the communication process between parents and teachers. Leeann believed that she had established a positive line of communication with her son's teacher, Mrs. Karpus. She and her husband David had a meeting with Mrs. Torok and sitting in at the meeting was Jim Harvey along with Mary Reel taking notes. Leeann is uncertain how to effectively work as a team for the benefit of their child's education. She is requesting clarity on how the school intends to facilitate communication between parents and teachers.

Aleja Oliva agrees with Leeann. She would like open-minded communication. There should always be ways to compromise.

Denise Peck is concerned about the bathroom policies in 1st grade. There should be no negative consequences to using the bathroom during class time. Students should not lose stickers or rewards if they neglect to go to the bathroom during breaks and must go during class. Denise's dad, Steve Hinshaw, agrees with Denise and doesn't like that his granddaughter thinks she is being punished for using the bathroom during class. He will be making an appointment to talk with the principal.

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting:

We have had a sweet start to the school year. Victory is our theme this year. We were able to have our off-campus staff Inservice day at Christian Beret again. Echo Kayser came and spoke to our teachers about classroom management. Stephanie would like to have a teacher field trip during one of our Inservice days and take them to observe another Christian school to get ideas. Regarding our bathroom policies, they are the same for each classroom. We don't punish them if they must use the restroom. We want the children supervised and not going to the bathroom by themselves. We remind them in a loving way to use the bathroom during their breaks. Our teachers are doing amazing this year so far! They are connecting with



their kids and the parents beautifully. Our Back-to-School night for K-3 was a great turnout. Our 4-8 was a smaller turnout. Next year we might go back to doing all grades in one night. Parent Teacher Conferences are the first week of October. Our 50's back to school dance is this Friday! Thank you PTF for hosting!

PTF Report

Hayley Blume reporting:

PTF had their second meeting today. Our all-school family dance is this Friday. We will have tri tip sandwiches for sale. All the snacks and waters were donated by Grocery Outlet. We have had so much help with this event so far! After this event they will be moving on to Jog-a-Thon. We have decided to do it at Westside this year and it will be a color run! Summerville High School will be busing our kids. Preschool will run here at our school.

Financial Report

Beth and Shelli are not here to report. Stephanie wanted the Board to be aware that there was an error on the preschool budget which overstated expenses. Michael McDaniel voiced that the numbers are not adding up on the budget packets tonight. Jim said to disregard the financial handouts from tonight as they are incorrect. Stephanie says that the financial office is moving in the direction for financial handouts to be simplified.

Teacher Report

Chara Revord reporting:

She and the other teachers feel very supported, connected and strong this year.

Preschool Report

Crystal Wolf reporting:

Crystal presented to the Board Brightwheel Software. We're tracking everything by paper right now, the paper and ink usage is out of control. She wants to move everything to digital with this new platform. This change will be a time and money saver in so many areas for our school. The only part the business office would need to keep doing is taking the monthly reports and inputting them in QuickBooks. The cost is \$169 a month, roughly \$2,000 a year. It's month to month, we can cancel at any time. Justin called for a motion to accept and approve Brightwheel Software for our preschool. Ryan 1st, Jim 2nd. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Facilities and Projects

The Board would like Donnie to send them an update on the piping issue. That will be a major project. Windows have been replaced in 6th grade and in the cafeteria. Donnie is writing up a grant to submit, we are hoping to get funding to replace our exterior double doors on our main building. The state is giving Christian Schools grants to improve safety. We're hoping that we qualify.

Old Business

Strategic Plan

Kim Hartsell will contact the Board to see what changes need to be made on our website under Strategic Plan Committee.



Board Member Search

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

New Business

Nothing to report

The meeting ended at 5:33pm.

Next meeting is October 15, 2024 at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

-Closed session-