

MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024



Board Members present

Justin Myers, Will Sarkisian, Jim Harvey, Kristie Laxague

Others present

Stephanie Torok, Annie Stayer, Beth Duncan, Jessica Cole, Jason Podesta, Julie Smith, Donnie Wright, Kim Hartsell, Karen and Michael McDaniel, AnnaMarie Cover, Megan Lee

Justin called the meeting to order at 4:36pm and Kristie opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

October minutes: Justin opened a motion to approve. Kristie and Jim second, all in favor and approved.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting:

We have reached the end of the 1st Trimester. We are getting a grasp on which kids need extra help, and which kids are thriving. 1st grade is thriving in reading right now, and 3rd grade is in the 90th percentile with their fluency! At our last in-service day, November 1st, we reviewed all the students School Wide Write essays. Tom Higgins also did an in-service for the teachers, showing them what he does to make books come alive. He has a very interactive teaching style. The teachers loved it. Get More Math will now be an option for some students in 6th grade, who are ready to be challenged more.

PTF Report

Julie Smith Reporting:

Jog-a-thon was a huge success. \$31,000 in business sponsorships were brought in and the kids brought in \$42,000! Westside was a great location; we had a lot of room. The Tribe donated the space, Grocery Outlet donated all the snacks & water, and El Dorado Septic donated the port a potty's. Our Thanksgiving Feast is coming up. Each class will be responsible for providing food for their class. The baffles for the gym will be installed before the musical.

Financial Report

Beth Duncan and Jessica Cole reporting:

Justin introduced Jessica.... Welcome Jessica! She shared a little bit about herself and her testimony, she is very excited to be here.

Interest bearing accounts have been opened. We are continuing to work on ways to make the business office more efficient and streamlined. Everything is paid for on time. The balance sheet is getting cleaned up. Our goal is to have that completed and organized by the end of the year.



Teacher Report

No teacher to report this month, but Karen McDaniel mentioned that 5th grade just went on their Ships Trip and had an amazing time. They were able to sail a schooner! The kids learned a lot and worked together so well.

Preschool Report

No Report

Facilities and Projects

Donnie Wright reporting:

Our heating system is up & running and keeping us warm! Our diesel tank is still in bad shape. All the additives in the diesel are eating the parts inside the tank. We need to find someone to professionally clean it out. We have approximately 15-20 years left. Will said that he will reach out to Sonora HS maintenance crew to see if they have a contact with someone who could do this for us. The campus is getting winterized right now. The water bottle filling station for preschool will be installed. The sewer line coming out of Betty's kitchen that is getting backed up with grease, will be fixed in the spring. Abby Carpet will be coming over Christmas break to fix the carpet in our main building hallway. Kitchen floors will be done during that time as well.

Old Business

Strategic Plan

Nothing new to report, we're still looking for a team. If there is anyone that would like to get involved, contact Justin.

Board Member Search

Contact the Board if you or anyone you know is interested. Tonight, the Board will be meeting with two perspectives.

60th Anniversary

Our 60th Anniversary celebration is set for April 5th-12th, with the dinner being on the 11th and the golf tournament being held on the 12th as long as Teleli golf course is available that day. Jim is looking around for places for our dinner to be held. Chicken Ranch Casino and Black Oak Casino are a couple of options that can host a lot of people. Jim asked if the association of having it at a casino would deter people from coming? A couple of people said that maybe it would, but the consensus was no, it would be no problem. If we decide to have an auction at the dinner as a fundraiser portion, we need to make sure that it does not conflict with what we do at the Jubilee. We would like this Anniversary dinner to be the first annual, of many to come. This could be the transition we need for when the Jubilee comes to an end. We're hoping for a seamless transition. The teachers had a great idea for the week of the celebration: each class is assigned a decade, from when the school opened till now, and each class will decorate their float from that decade with an alumni riding on it. Downtown Tuolumne would be a great place to have the parade. Jim is working on the alumni list so he can start reaching out to them and the community. We need to form a committee for this event. Jim's vision is to have alumni be on the committee and not our current families who are already burnt out with other events throughout the year.



New Business

Shortfall of Jog-a-thon funds

We are short \$5,000 to purchase the baffles for sound proofing the gym. Jim proposes that the Board fund the \$5,000 difference needed. He found that they could pull \$2,500 from restricted funds and the other \$2,500 from unrestricted funds. It would not come out of our operations budget. Jim made a motion to fund the financial gap to pull \$2,500 from restricted funds and \$2,500 from unrestricted funds. Will second, all in favor.

Schoolwide survey

Faculty, Parents and Board Members came together to create questions for an all-school survey. We want to be sure that this survey will not do any damage. We are putting a lot of time in and being thoughtful with each question. A rough draft was sent out to staff to look over and we have received great feedback. There is still some tweaking that needs to be done and is far from being ready to be sent out to parents. A lot goes into creating a healthy survey. They are taking all the feedback and concerns seriously. Our goal is to send it out in December. We all want to see MLCS thrive & grow, in a healthy way. That is a common goal.

The meeting ended at 6:00pm.

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

-Closed session-