



MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2026

Board Members present

Will Sarkisian, Kristie Laxague, Megan Lee, Jason Podesta

Others present

Stephanie Torok, Jessica Cole, Beth Duncan, Crystal Wolf, Kim Hartsell, AnnaMarie Cover, Aleja Oliva, Karen McDaniels, Amanda Atkins, Donnie Wright

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

Approval of Minutes

January Minutes: Will opened for a motion to approve the January minutes. Megan made the motion, Kristie seconded the motion, all in favor and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting: We are praying for snow, but that Jubilee weekend is unaffected. Jubilee volunteer slots are now 56% filled using Sign Up Genius. That equates to 176 volunteers to date. Based on 185 students, Jubilee profits equate to approximately \$540 that we do not have to pass on to parents in a tuition increase. Other Christian schools in the extended area have told Stephanie they are expecting 25% tuition increases, so we are very thankful that we have a fundraiser like Jubilee to keep our school affordable for families.

The 100th day of school was last week, and we had cute Kindergarten kids dressed up as elderly people. Many of the Kindergarteners have achieved writing to 100 and have gone to Mrs. Torok for their lollipop prize. Stephanie shared a recent study published by a Stanford researcher regarding the current generation's educational and mental readiness compared to their parents' generation and the hope that students at MLCS will learn and retain critical thinking and study skills.

Two Fifth grade students asked Mrs. Torok why they are not allowed to wear uniforms at MLCS and asked the students why they would like to wear them. She told them if they can find 75 students (not Kindergarteners) that would sign a petition stating they would agree to wear uniforms. The petition did not reach the 75 students, however it did spark further discussions between Mrs. Torok and why the petition was started. The 7th graders asked if they could debate the issue of uniforms at school and the debate was well-rounded and intelligent on both sides.

Preschool Report

Crystal Wolf reporting: Preschool is going well. We are anticipating a current teacher leaving for the next school year when she works on her teaching credential. She is in discussions with a potential replacement. There may be other staffing changes over the summer which we are planning for. Intent to Return forms will go out in March so we can start planning for summer and the next school year. There are roughly 42 families on the waitlist. Some of those families may opt to go to public school for TK rather than go to the Butterfly class when those spots open. Planning for Grandparent's Day is underway.



PTF Report

AnnaMarie Cover reporting: The PTF meeting is tomorrow. Since the last Board meeting, the school cookbook has been submitted to the publisher. The hope is to have the cookbook in hand before/for Grandparent's Day. Balloon Gram sales are now closed and will be assembled throughout the rest of the week.

Financial Report

Jessica Cole & Beth Duncan reporting: January is the busiest month in the Business Office and we survived all of our tasks. We are gearing up for Jubilee and discussing the idea of a Venmo business account to take payment for pie sales, etc. D.C. Trip is coming up in April and the final payments were due February 5th, but as there are still fundraisers planned we were able to secure an extension, so families had a little more time to gather the needed funds.

Teacher Report

Amanda Atkins reporting: No teachers had specific items to report. With the volunteer hours at Jubilee, Amanda is wondering if there are hours required of each family in any contract regarding requirement of service as it tends to be the same families volunteering at each event. Kindergarten is having a great year so far. The kids are enjoying worship and scripture along with their education and we are seeing the impact of that on the students. We will miss Mrs. Torok next year and she has been an amazing blessing while we have worked with her.

Facilities and Projects

Donnie Wright reporting: Donnie prepared a written report for the Board. Solarworx performed a solar site visit and will be able to present their proposal to the Board on March 10, 2026. The outdoor P.E. space project is making progress. We are hopeful to lay the chips on the track at the end of the week, and the concrete footings at the end of next week. Donnie prepared budget reviews of the 2025 Jog a Thon project, the 2024 Bathroom project, and the Athletic budgets. Donnie is seeking pricing from a new vendor for PE uniforms for 26-27 school year. A summer project list is underway and is looking to the Board to review the major projects and identify which could be completed over summer. The blacktop is a priority.

There is a boys basketball tournament at school the same week as Jubilee.

Old Business

Board Member Search

Ongoing and any recommendations or interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to any Board Member.

New Business

Administrator Search: Will reported that Stephanie Torok has announced her intent to retire from her position as Administrator at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. We will begin an administrator search and as we go down the road, the Board asks for prayer. We will be posting the open position on EdJoin and ASCI will be seeking interested staff and parents to join the panel for the interview process. If this is something that is of interest to you, or you would like to suggest someone, please reach out to the Board.

The meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting is March 10, 2026, at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

-Closed session