



## **MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026**

### **Board Members present**

Will Sarkisian, Kristie Laxague, Megan Lee, Jason Podesta, Stephanie Niven

### **Others present**

Stephanie Torok, Jessica Cole, Annie Stayer, Tom Higgins, Natalie Gray, Solarworx Team, Seth Martinez, Kim Hartsell, AnnaMarie Cover, Donnie Wright

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Public Comment**

AnnaMarie has noticed a lack of volunteers over the last few years at the Jubilee. It's getting fewer. She is suggesting that we might consider giving an incentive to parents who sign up to volunteer for this event.

### **Reports**

#### **Administrator Report**

Stephanie Torok reporting:

Balloon Grams brought in approximately \$3,000. that will go into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Hume Science Camp account. Jubilee went well! It was a huge team effort. Our teaching staff has taken on very big areas of the Jubilee. Many long days of volunteering. So many of our students helped in the game room. We're generating ideas in lieu of the Jubilee. We had our Inservice day the Monday after Jubilee, the focus was Open Court training with aides. Two GLC's from Summerville High School came and met with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to get them registered for High School next year. Natalie has been working on our Grandparents' Day performance, it's going to be wonderful! Our Book Fair will be the week of Grandparents' Day. We have moved on from Scholastic and have used the points that we built up to pick out books to sell for 100% profit for this year's fair. We will make 100% profit from those. For future book fairs we will be using a Christian based bookstore. DC is next month; the students are very excited! Laura Brinegar will be retiring this year, and Sarah Banks will not be returning.

#### **Preschool Report**

No Report

#### **PTF Report**

Julie Smith reporting:

Ballon Grams were very successful this year. We opted out of helium this year because it was so expensive. The balloons were attached to a stick, and it was so cute! The Book Fair will be the week of Grandparents' Day. The students will love the books we picked out! We will be providing refreshments and decorations for Grandparents' Day. PTF would like to take over the management of their finances to relieve the pressure off of the business office. PTF has grown so much. We would like the Board to be on the account for accountability.



## **Financial Report**

Jessica Cole reporting:

The Jubilee total is approximately \$94,000 and there is still more coming in. The delivery option was a big hit! The DC fundraiser brought in \$7,633.58. The business office agrees that PTF should manage their own finances. Thank you for the post Jubilee treats!

## **Teacher Report**

Tom Higgins and Natalie Gray reporting:

The teachers are very grateful for the Inservice day after Jubilee. There's a little bit of spring fever among the students. Natalie announced that she won't be returning to teach next year. Her mom has been diagnosed with ALS, and she is going to be focusing on being with her. She loves her job and is so grateful for everyone's support. She would like to return someday. Will said that our door will always be open and she will always have a job here. We love you Natalie!

## **Facilities and Projects**

Donnie Wright reporting:

We are still waiting for the equipment for the new PE area. It should be here by the end of March. We're working on getting the bark transferred down there.

## **Old Business**

### **Board Member Search**

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

### **Administrator Search**

The interview panel has been chosen. There have been a few applications submitted. Word of mouth will help too. The Board is open to all and any input.

## **New Business**

Solarworx Presentation:

Kevin Alberto and Matt Stone from Solarworx provided a great presentation with information about our school potentially switching to solar. They passed out a packet to the Board with detailed graphs, projections and a summary of what this change would intel. They are a local company. Seth Martinez had questions and voiced concerns about the fire hazard with them being installed on the roof. He asked if they could do a ground mount. Solarworx can do a ground mount, but it would double the cost.

**The meeting ended at 5:31pm.**

**Next meeting is April 14, 2026, at 4:30pm in the Chapel.**

**-Closed session**