



MLCS Board Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026

Board Members present

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

Others present

Jessica Cole, Annie Stayer, Stephanie Torok, Crystal Wolf, Donnie Wright, Kim Hartsell, Tom Higgins, Laura Brinegar, AnnaMarie Cover, Wes & Natalie Durnall

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

None

Reports

Administrator Report

Stephanie Torok reporting:

Our 7th and 8th graders had a beautiful article written up in the Union Democrat about their Washington DC trip. They honored Laura Brinegar and her 32 years of teaching in the article as well. We have a lot of field trips and events scheduled for the next couple of weeks; Field Day, the Golf Tournament, and the County Track Meet. Jennie Radonich will be moving to 8th grade, and we have hired Renee Kelsey for 3rd grade. Registration is live, Annie is in the forefront of this, and Jessica is on the back end with the financials. Tom has started to meet with Admin and Staff, he's diving in!

Preschool Report

Crystal Wolf reporting:

We're all set for summer! Most of the students are staying. Crystal hired a new teacher, she will start in the summer, and one more aide needs to be hired. Graduation photos for the Butterfly class will be tomorrow. Crystal is having a couple of companies come out to give her quotes to revamp the courtyard. The rocks are the biggest problem. She has been brainstorming new ideas to replace their Jog A Thon participation.

PTF Report

AnnaMarie Reporting:

There will be a PTF meeting tomorrow. They're working with Chris on the Golf Tournament. Field Day is getting switched to Twain Harte this year. They are looking for new officers to serve on PTF.

Financial Report

Jessica Cole reporting:

She is in the thick of FACTS registration & financials. She has a lot of training left to do. Quartiles, 990's, and sales tax are getting done right now. There's a lot going on!



Teacher Report

Laura Brinegar reporting:

Laura is excited to see the next season that the Lord has for her. She loved having Stephanie as the Administrator. She has given such great support, and she is also excited that Tom is taking the Administrator position. She would like to see improvements/changes with our cell phone policy, and our qualifications for Valedictorian. She suggested having the parents and students sign a cell phone policy contract, and she would like the Board to consider coming up with a way to include character as a grade in 8th grade.

Facilities and Projects

Donnie Wright reporting:

He's waiting on a quote for the athlete banners for the gym. We just got done hosting the volleyball tournament, it was great success! We raised over \$3,000 for our DC students. County Track Meet is on Monday for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The obstacle/PE course is coming along. We need the backside of the main building painted, but it's going to be way too expensive. The windows in the attic need to be replaced, a shade structure needs to be built over the lunch area, the playground needs to be repaired, sealed and striped, the turf needs to be repaired, and the gym steps need to be repaired and painted. There is a lot to be done!

Old Business

Board Member Search

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

New Business

None

The meeting ended at 5:05pm.

Next meeting is June 9, 2026, at 4:30pm in the Chapel.

-Closed session