Order of Business	**MLC PTSA Meeting Agenda** **October 14, 2026, 6 - 7:30 PM** **Hybrid: MLC Library | VIA Zoom** PTSA dues are $14 ($11.50+fees) annually and give you voting rights. Join or renew **HERE** or use the QR code —>	
Convene Meeting	Chair to convene (Chenney)	6:00 PM
Introductions	Share your name, student(s) name and grade or your connection to MLC, and if you are a new or returning family.	6:00-6:10 PM
Meeting Agreements	Establish Meeting Agreements (Monique)	6:10-6:13
Approval of Minutes	Vote to Approve September Meeting Minutes (Chenney)	6:13-6:15 PM
Financial Report	**Treasurer's Report** (Abbey): Monthly brief overview: Link to Report	6:15-6:20 PM
New Business	● **Rightsizing Proposals** (Principal Ashlee) ● **Proposed Revised Budget** (Abbey): Discuss and vote on proposed changes. ● **November and December Meetings** (Chenney)	6:20-6:50 PM 6:50-7:00 PM 7:00-7:05 PM
Committee and Other Reports	**Principal's Report** (Ashlee) **Teacher Report** (Betsy) **Standing Committees** ● **Membership & Volunteer** (Sierra) ○ Membership & Volunteer Drive: Enter to win Cinema 21 tickets ● **2026-27 Community Building & Events** (Sierra) ○ Blacktop Mural Project (Jamie) ○ MLC NE Bike Bus ○ Movie Night - 10/16, doors 5:30. Reserve free tickets and pre-order food to help us plan! Volunteers needed. ● **Development & Fundraising** ○ Merch (Chenney) ○ BottleDrop (Rebecca / Adam) ○ Parking (Nate) ○ Special Fundraisers for 4x5 Overnight Field Trip (Chenney) ○ Dine Out Days (Erin) ○ Benefit Week Committee Info Session - 10/21, 6pm (Sierra & Taylor) ○ Fred Meyer Rewards Program (Sierra) ● **Communications** (Taylor) ● **SPED/Neurodiversity Affinity Group** (Sierra)	7:05-7:30 PM
Adjournment		7:30

Attendees

Abbey Fujiyoshi	Ezra Weiss	Mandy Edwards	Nigel Stadick
Adam Perryman	Jamie Whitaker	McKenzie Finn	Paul Alexander
Alana Thielen	Jennifer Siegel	Melissa Adams	Sam Mangum
Betsy McDowell	Jesse Freidman	Melissa Edwards	Sierra Stringfield Perryman
Blaise Faust	Juliet Coen	Mer Stevens	Siri Michel-Midelfort
Carrie Marjhor	Kirk Ohly	Michelle Beckett	Stephanie Kawache
Chenney Gruber	Lewis Guigard	Monique Leslie	Taylor Wilson
Colleen Corbett	Lila Pigott	Nathan Kramer	Zoe Farabaugh

Minutes

- **Introductions**
- **Meeting Agreements read**
- **Sept Minutes:** Mere moves to approve Sept minutes, Jesse seconds. Approved.
- **Financial Report:** Included in beginning of every meeting so that financials inform decisions, there is transparency with $$, and to maintain 501c3 compliance.
    - Not a lot of things have happened this month, so it's not that exciting.
    - All $$ history is available to the public through links in meeting notes.
    - Auction income: most is not income auction income, instead it's club payments (the same system is used to track payments, which is why it's in there)
    - Parking income covers July - Sept
- **Rightsizing Proposals (Principal Ashlee)**
    - Next week will be an opportunity to come together, if there are additional requests for information, please speak up, and Ashlee can try to acquire the information (with the caveat that she has access to the same information that we do, which is what PPS provides online).
    - FYI - During the rightsizing process, Ashlee cannot advocate for our school.
    - FYI - Media is not allowed to be on school grounds without the permission of PPS communications department.
    - Site assessment walk-through by PPS operations department tomorrow.
        - In part to assess the feasibility of Odyssey's move to MLC, not an assessment of our school.
        - Background on Odyssey - they are a program that needs to be affiliated with a school. They have moved around in the past, they finally seem to have found a good fit at their current location - they are not excited about having to move. There is some overlap in that they have class blends and experiential learning.
    - Ashlee has requested that if the board decides to cut MLC 9x12, there is a default school/ program that our students can go to without the typical hurdles, for example, Alliance. Currently, it does not look like the students would have to return to their neighborhood schools.
    - It appears that there is a strong potential for the lottery to be delayed until after the board decision in December; however, nothing is official yet. This may also apply to transfers as well, which is concerning but the motivation makes sense to Ashlee. More information to come soon.

- Projections for next year are available online. HS is currently at 47, whole school is 284. Odyssey currently has 221, so if numbers stayed the same, our building would have 458 next year.
- Concerns shared by parents:
  - HS closure and the potential impact on the students, especially the lack of consideration for the trauma that many of the students experienced based on last years' decision, as well as the experiences that led them to MLC to begin with. These students need MLC, and it's disheartening to see that PPS is not talking about the closure the same way it does neighborhood schools
  - There is a lack of physical space at MLC for another program; bringing Odyssey into our building builds potential for a competitive environment/ combining of the programs

- **Proposed Revised Budget (Abbey**). Mare moves to approve, Nate seconds. Approved.
  - Budget for 2026-2027 was passed in May, but there are some proposed changes:
    - Move $2k from auction to staff appreciation (increased $2,500 to $4,500, still comes out to less than 5% of overall budget)
    - Field trip funding: currently at $50/student, which is an increase from $20/student - moved out of the scholarship fund and fundraising match funds (overnight trips for 4x5, 6x8, prom, middle school dance, etc.)
    - (Outdoor School happens for 6th graders, but it's paid for with state funds)
- **New Business:**
  - November Meeting (Chenney) - 11/11 meeting will be virtual
  - December Meeting - 12/9 meeting will be virtual
- **Principal's Report (Ashlee)** - already covered above
- **Teacher Report (Betsy)** - Teachers are grappling with all of the conversations along with everyone else - no special topics to discuss at this time
- **Standing Committees**
  - **Membership & Volunteer (Sierra)** - Don't forget to become a member!
    - Membership & Volunteer Drive: Enter to win Cinema 21 tickets
  - **2026-27 Community Building & Events (Sierra)**
    - Blacktop Mural Project (Jamie). (This is separate from the 2025 auction funding will go towards a springtime project in the breezeway with an artist in residence)
      - Jamie's proposal - working with City Repair on a process (they've worked with lots of schools), cost of paints = $3,000, stay tuned. (Chapman has a great example, so does the website: www.cityrepair.org.
    - MLC NE Bike Bus (led by Kirk Ohly)
      - Fridays, rain or shine, First stop at Michigain and Ainsworth, 2nd stop at Harriet Tubman at 8:20.
    - Movie Night - 10/16, doors 5:30.
      - Reserve free tickets and pre-order food to help us plan!
      - Volunteers needed.
      - KCLC students are invited.
    - Fall Community Clean-Up Day - 11/15 (Chenney)
    - Craft Faire - 12/8, 3:30 - 5:30pm. Registration opening soon.
    - Bake Sale - Feb TBD
    - Spring Events
      - Clothing Swap, Used Book Faire, Drag Queen Bingo, Block Party
  - **Development & Fundraising**
    - Merch (Chenney)

        - Student Shirt Design Contest
        - Water Bottle, Tall Tumbler, Hoodies, Tie-Dye Tees? What items would people like?
    - BottleDrop (Rebecca / Adam)
        - Rebecca and Earth Heroes Elective are taking on many aspects, however, more support is needed (Bruce (5th grade) to support with the data entry)
    - Parking (Nate) (last year we raised $28,000)
        - Season ends soon, volunteers needed (and spread the word!).
        - Opens one hour before the games start.
    - Special Fundraisers for 4x5 Overnight Field Trip (Chenney)
        - Winter Greens Sale (Mt Hood Wreaths)- Opens 11/2 - (audience feedback - change to Winter Greenery)
        - BottleDrop Give Holiday Incentive - Nov-Dec TBD
- Dine Out Days (Erin)
        - Burgerville St Johns - 10/25 4-8 pm
        - Scottie's - Nov TBD
        - McMenamins Blue Moon - 12/8 5-close
- Benefit Week Committee Info Session - 10/21, 6pm (Sierra & Taylor)
- Fred Meyer Rewards (Sierra): Please register!

- **Communications** (Taylor)
    - Instagram up and running
- **SPED/Neurodiversity Affinity Group** (Sierra)
    - Trying again to establish a group for MLC caregivers. Email Sierra if you are interested in learning more or helping, and keep an eye out on our comms for details.