

MARCH MEETING MINUTES
MOUNT SCOTT ELEMENTARY

LOCATION: MOUNT SCOTT LIBRARY

DATE: MARCH 13, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

IN-PERSON: Jeff Green, Jeremy Black, Tracey Kebede-Berhanu, Lex Black, Stephanie Johnson, Chelsea Livengood, Danyella Jobson, Stephanie Pollok, Won Song, Rachel Wullbrandt and Sarah Baker

VIRTUAL: Vanessa Nagel, Jesus Cruz and Kathleen Madden

Meeting called to order by Tracey Kebede-Berhanu at 6:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 2025 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report:

Principal Jeff Green expressed gratitude that over 60% of families contributed to the youth truth survey. A couple of 3rd and 5th graders wrote some persuasive essays to Mr. Green about better toilet paper. There will be some site council and informal meetings where we can discuss certain ways to make the school better and maybe some committees break off. The staff have a survey as well. Spread the word that his door is open and wants to hear what is going on. Staffing, we really love our staff here at MSE. Our enrollment is based upon demography. Mt. Scott is in a healthy plateau. We do not know what the allocation will be at this time. Jeff expressed his appreciation for grace. June is when we will have a solid idea of what staffing will look like.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Glow Party
 - a. Date: 1/24/2025 6 pm – 8 pm
 - b. Chair: Melissa Pfaff
 - c. Tracey Kebede-Berhanu reported on Melissa Pfaff's behalf that it was a huge success. If anyone has any feedback, please let us know or be on the committee to help make it better
2. Community Sale
 - a. Date: 2/08/2025 9 am – 2 pm
 - b. Chair: Rachel Wullbrandt
 - c. Tracey Kebede-Berhanu reported that she read Rachel's feedback at the PTO board meeting last month. Rachel reported that it was a pretty successful event. There were just under 50 vendors. Sky High Food Truck and Kona Ice were there. Student leadership sold popcorn, water, flower teddy bears and Jamba Juice

Cards. We made a profit and brought in community vendors and served the purpose of the event. Loved seeing the students sell their crafts

3. Big Splash
 - a. Date: 2/28/2025 5 pm – 8 pm
 - b. Chair: Casey Killinger
 - c. Tracey Kebede-Berhanu reported on Casey Killinger's behalf that it was a fun and free event
4. Book Swap
 - a. Date: 3/05/2025 5 pm – 7 pm
 - b. Chair: Lex Black
 - c. Lex Black reported that it was well attended. There are still books upstairs and the extra ones go to Cannady Elementary. A board book about your body slipped into the mix
5. OBOB
 - a. Date: 3/07/2025
 - b. Chair: Sarah Baker
 - c. Sarah Baker reported that it was a hit. It is a fun way to encourage kids to read. Tracey Kebede-Berhanu explained that Jen Goodrich runs the event but it is a really great collaboration between teachers and parents

BOARD POSITION REPORTS:

1. President – Tracey Kebede-Berhanu: Nothing to report
2. Vice President – Jesus Cruz: Nothing to report
3. Treasurer – Casey Killinger: Nothing to report
4. Secretary – Sarah Baker: Nothing to report
5. Volunteer Coordinator – Lex Black: Nothing to report
 - a. Eagle's Nest Funding –
 - i. Last year, PTO provided a one-time funding for this department. Jeff Green talked about the Eagle's Nest and how this room is dedicated to regulation. The teachers learn skills as well. The board voted and approved to fund the Eagle's Nest with \$200 for the 24-25 school year. Then at the PTO retreat, the board will vote to add a line item to give funding for this room every year
 - b. PE –
 - i. Equipment is needed (pool noodles, soft soccer balls and cones). PTO can use Mr. Edward's stipend to pay for the new equipment
6. Public Relations – Stephanie Johnson: Nothing to report
7. IT – Jeremy Black: Nothing to report
8. Teacher Liaisons – Melissa Pfaff and Amy Pederson: Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

1. Dining For A Cause:
 - a. Chair: Tasha Cruz
 - b. February

- i. Jamba Juice Cards – Out of 50 card, 15 cards are left and if anyone wants to buy one, please contact PTO
 - ii. Sit Still Salon – Tracey will reach out
 - c. March
 - d. April
 - i. Spoke & Word Books – April 19th
- 2. Read A Thon:
 - a. Date: March 17 – March 21
 - b. Chair: Lex Black
 - c. Lex Black reported that reading log went home with students and will track them reading minutes
- 3. OMSI:
 - a. Date: April 7, 2025 6 pm – 8 pm
 - b. Chair: Lex Black and Tracey Kebede-Berhanu
 - c. MSE will be doing this event with Sunnyside Elementary which is a feeder school to Rock Creek Middle School. There is a \$5 charge if anyone would like to do the exhibit and MSE families will need to pay for parking
- 4. Yearbook:
 - a. Chair: Rachel Wullbrandt
 - b. Rachel reported that the cover contest flier went out this week and due before spring break. Winner will be announced at the next FMM. K-2 winner will be on the front and 3-5 winner will be on the back. Orders are due mid-May
- 5. Teacher and Staff Appreciation:
 - a. Date: May 5 – May 9
 - b. Chair: Lex Black
 - c. Lex would love any help for this week
- 6. Carnival:
 - a. Date: May 30, 2025
 - b. Chair: Lex Black
 - c. Lex would love any help with this event because it does require a lot of volunteers

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- 1. Eagle Run:
 - a. Chair: Tracey Kebede-Berhanu
 - b. Date: April 28, 2025
 - c. Spring assembly has been booked. The Zaniac will be returning to our school on April 28th. There will be two shows K-2 at 8 am & 3-5 at 9 am. Families are welcome to come and watch the shows
- 2. Open board positions and committee chairs (25-26 school year):
 - a. Treasurer – board position
 - b. President elect/vice president – board position
 - c. Yearbook committee chair
 - d. Glow party committee chair

- e. Dining for a cause committee chair
 - f. Big splash committee chair
 - g. Square 1 art committee chair
 - h. Daffodil project committee chair
- 3. Legacy project:
 - a. Board is working on a legacy project and will decide at the board planning retreat
- 4. Classroom Parents:
 - a. Liaisons: Tracey Kebede-Berhanu and Lex Black
 - b. Lex mentioned that it might be fun to have a classroom happy hour
- 5. Garden Club:
 - a. Tracey stated that the club is on pause
- 6. Safety Committee:
 - a. Lex stated that drop-off and pick-up are a little chaotic. If anyone is interested, please send an email to Lex

Closing Remarks:

Several students came and read a book to Mr. Green before he camped out on the roof. Thank you to the parents and staff for attending. Thank you to Jeremy Black for his IT assistance.