

Order of Business	<p style="text-align: center;">MLC PTSA Meeting Agenda January 14, 2026, 6 to 7:30PM Hybrid: MLC Library VIA Zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PTSA dues are \$14 (\$11.50+fees) annually and give you voting rights. To join or renew, visit oregonpta.org/membership</p>	
Introductions and Meeting Agreements	Please share your name, your student's name and grade or your connection to MLC.	6:00-6:10 PM
Financial Report	Treasurer's Report: Link to Report	6:10-6:20 PM
Approval of Minutes	December Meeting Minutes	6:20-6:30 PM
Principal & Teacher Reports	Principal's Report (Ashlee) Teacher Report (Betsy)	6:30-6:45 PM
New Business	Draft Community Engagement Plan (Ashlee) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How might we improve the plan to meaningfully include and represent all families as partners in supporting student learning and school decision-making? 2. What adjustments need to be made to ensure the strategies, actions, and resources in the plan are clear, realistic, and aligned to our school goals and student needs? 3. How will we know whether our family engagement efforts are effective, and how will we use family feedback and data to improve the plan over time? 	6:45-7:00 PM
Committee & Other Reports	Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gifts of Gratitude Recap (Chenney) ● Community Building & Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craft Faire Recap (Monique) ○ Craft Night 2/6 (Sierra) ○ Movie Night 2/20 (Chenney) ○ Drag Queen Bingo in March (Sierra) ○ Used Book Faire 5/14 & 5/15 (Alisa) ● Development & Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dine Out Days (Erin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastini and Atlas Pizza Recaps ■ Burgerville on NE MLK 2/26 ■ Hostel Cafe (March or April): Open Mic or Curated Performances? ○ Annual Auction (Sierra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Week of April 10-19, 2026, main event Saturday, April 18 at Polaris Hall. Seeking sponsors! ● Recruitment & Enrollment (Monique) ● Beautification (Chenney / Lila) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Clean-up Day 1/19 ● SPED Affinity Group (Sierra) 	7:00-7:30 PM
Adjournment		7:30

Attendees

Abbey Fujiyoshi	Denis Reich	Meredith Gilchrist	Robin Lewallen
Ashlee Hudson	Erin McKee	Monique Leslie	Shoshanna (Shoshi) Etie
Betsy McDowell	Lila Pigott	Murphy Gayne	Sierra Stringfield Perryman
Bruce Fujiyoshi	Mandy Edwards	Paul Alexander	
Chenney Gruber	Melissa Edwards	Rigel Hope	

Minutes

- Introductions (all)
- Meeting Agreements (Monique)
- Financial Report (Abbey) through end of December
 - Purpose: Make sure decisions are informed by financial status and to comply with non-profit status requirements
 - Significant donations in December. Most of it through workforce giving (including \$4300 unexpected funds)
 - Holiday meals \$1100 raised, 23 gift cards given to families, some \$\$ saved for future needs
 - Field trips - not yet billed, but lots of field trips have happened
 - STEAM - Funds from music program will hit in Jan
 - Healthy ending balance
- December Minutes: Sierra moves to approve minutes, and Abbey seconded. Approved.
- Principal's Report (Ashlee)
 - Not a lot of responses for Solstice feedback form. Most that came was the same as word-of-mouth. Some adjustments will be made to better accommodate families of performers (some awkwardness happened around not being able to see their own children perform)
 - 6x12 lottery results will be out this week
 - Kx5 lottery Feb 18 - March 18
 - 2 kinder events in April and June, in addition to the Kx5 open house Feb 26.
 - Successful Schools Survey data available soon, has been preliminarily reviewed by admin.
 - Budget conversations are ongoing in PPS - Ashlee is as nervous as the rest of us. Massive staffing cost increases (warranted and overdue), declining enrollment, sunseting of federal funds are some of the many causes of the \$50 million budget deficit.
- Teacher's Report (Betsy):
 - No specific requests or concerns from teachers
 - Lots of clothing donations, thank you to those who donated.
 - Field trip planning for second half of the year happening
 - Meredith (electives)
 - Next Wed start again, please let her know if you need reimbursements from fall term.
 - Kate pass-along: appreciation for holiday generosity. Parent well-being workshop next Tues, Jan 20, 5pm (to last 35-40 min) on suicide prevention. Looking for input on future topics for parent workshops.
 - Upcoming event on February 10 will be about finding co-regulation.
 - 2-3 gently used beds with bed frames needed for MLC families.
- New Business:
 - Draft Community Engagement Plan (being reviewed by staff and other admin) (Ashlee):

- One takeaway from the Successful Schools Survey: A key barrier to engagement for families is lack of time, so a goal is to create opportunities for folks to engage in ways that are accessible timing-wise.
 - Transportation is another huge barrier - Ashlee welcomes ideas on how this could be addressed. It doesn't look like bus transportation is in the future for MLC.
 - Open to more in-person opportunities.
 - Looking for collaboration.
 - Shoshi proposed the idea of creating a safety net compilation listing kid-safe businesses, parking areas, and places that address food accessibility.
 - Hosting events at different locations throughout the city could make it easier for people to attend and might break the access barrier.
 - Paper newsletters from the principals would be welcome by some. Paper flyers are appreciated.
 - Off-topic feedback: Lackluster experience for 6th-grade electives. Student surveys will occur to address this as there is some flexibility within the PPS electives (it has been noticed that students have requested to move classes). Ashlee to connect with counselors and learn more about the perceived restrictions on offering MLC-specific electives to older students (as was historically done at MLC).
- Standing Committees
 - **Staff Appreciation** (Sierra)
 - Gifts of Gratitude Recap - gift bags for staff, went out before the holidays
 - Another sunshine cart will occur in the future, was really appreciated by the staff
 - Looking for volunteers who would like to help with sporadic efforts as well as get started on planning May's Staff Appreciation Week
 - **Community Building and Events**
 - Craft Faire Recap (Monique): nearly 80 vendors, good feedback from the community: a) PTSA to consider separating food sales from craft sales through hosting a separate food faire, b) faire may go longer next year.
 - Craft Night (Sierra): Valentine- themed, low-key Friday night event on Feb 6, all are welcome
 - Movie Night 2/20 (Chenney): still deciding what to show, free event with concessions as a fundraiser
 - Drag Queen Bingo in March (Sierra) - Shoshi to be lead adult, high schoolers available to lead
 - Used Book Faire 5/14 & 5/15 - similar to years past.
 - **Development & Fundraising**
 - Pastini raised about \$700, much less than last year.
 - Atlas Pizza, not a lot of attendance (but delivery was popular)
 - Hostel Cafe (March or April) - ideas welcome on what an event there could look like. Current ideas include MLC open mic or a more curated MLC showcase. And Sunday or Wednesday night?
 - Annual Auction (Sierra)
 - Paddle Raise from 2025 was for STEM, and with some carryover from 2024 we have a good amount of money to put towards a STEM Day for students this spring. OMSI will be coming to campus to do interactive labs with all students.
 - **Recruitment & Enrollment** (Monique)
 - [Meeting notes](#)
 - PPS enrollment banner ordered, to be hung on fence
 - Lawn signs in development - PTSA leading on this effort
 - Six families have signed up to be ambassadors, ML to reach out to develop a tour schedule to augment Benner tours on Feb 12, March 12.

- Next meeting will be Feb 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82637288585?pwd=43wd6och76N03x80XaW9NoOSVjTmH.1>
- **Beautification** (Chenney/ Lila)
 - Cleanup day on 1/19, no tools needed. Blacktop and walkways cleanup.
- **SPED Affinity Group** (Sierra)
 - Email sent out to known folks who had shared a desire for support and connections. Once interest has been gauged, a plan for future meetings will be developed. Please email Sierra if interested.