

Order of Business	MLC PTSA Meeting Agenda May 7, 2024 6:30 to 8PM at the MLC Library and VIA Zoom	
Introductions	Welcome! Please share your name, your student's name and grade	6:30–6:40 PM
Financial Report	Treasurer's Report: Link to Report	6:40–6:50 PM
Committee and Other Reports	Principal's Report (Suezann) Electives Report (Dana) Executive Committee Report • Event / Volunteer Committee (Sierra) ◦ Volunteer Opportunities Interest Form • Auction Committee (Sierra) ◦ Grow Together: MLC Community Event & Annual Auction Online auction is open through Sunday, May 12 at 9:00pm! Community Event & Live Auction is May 10 at The Evergreen, 6:00-10:00. Bid online, secure your tickets for the event, and spread the word! ◦ Last push on communications: we'll do an announcement tomorrow to all bidders and attendees that we're having a midweek shakeup in the online auction with new items to check out. Request that a text blast goes out to all families. ◦ We need day-of event volunteers! Grow Together: 2024 MLC Community Event & Auction Volunteer Sign-Up Form! • Used Book Sale recap (Tammy) ◦ Raised \$1,019 (minus \$200 for totes) ◦ 40 totes sold ◦ 140+ books given through golden tickets ◦ Raffle prizes: 2 of the Oaks Park skating passes, another \$15 for small gift cards at Powell's or Eb & Bean • Parking Events (Tammy/Chenney) ◦ Averaging \$1000 per event ◦ This coming weekend will be busy for both Thorns and Timbers games ◦ Prize drawing for Feb-April volunteers will be done at the Auction on Friday (need not be present to win) ◦ Lots of new volunteers! May is covered, just need to fill out June.	6:50–7:10 PM

	Bottle Drop • Current balance: \$469.75 • April brought in \$233.17	7:10–7:15 PM
Unfinished Business	MLC Merch • All items have delivered except the tumblers • 60 totes remaining, \$10 • 130 magnets, \$5 • 24 trucker hats, \$15 • 48 tumblers, \$20	7:15–7:25 PM
New Business	Fall Events • Foam Party (August 25) • Ice Cream Social (September) • Community Night at the School (October) • McMenamins Friends & Family Night • Christmas Tree Sale (November)	7:25–7:45 PM
Announcements	• Standing Rules revision - June • Election - June	7:45–7:50 PM
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Notes

Summary

Budget Review and Reallocation Proposals

The treasurer presented the financial report. The report indicated that all expenses, including recent ones and upcoming costs, were within the budget. However, a budget shortfall of over \$1,500 was noted for field trip scholarships due to unpaid bills and unpaid scholarship requests. The team agreed on the need to find additional funding to cover this shortfall and proposed reallocating funds from the 'Experiential Learning' to the 'Field Trip Scholarship' budget. They also considered checking with Dana about elective expenses and reallocating funds from parking.

Principal's Update

Suezann then took the floor to discuss the issue of unpaid scholarships and her efforts to cover them with her budget. MLC expressed gratitude for Suezann's efforts and requested her to make minor adjustments to the Special Appeal video message for the Live Auction.

Upcoming Changes to MLC's Elective Program

The MLC representative discussed the upcoming changes to the elective program for grades 6-12, where unique elective offerings will be replaced with standardized district electives due to contractual restrictions with the teachers' union. This raised concerns about losing the school's alternative approach and the impact on programs like reading buddies. There were also mentions of staffing changes like Dana returning to the classroom part-time and the loss of half day Fridays. The school's status as a "multiple pathways" school for graduation was discussed, with uncertainty about what this would mean going forward. Ultimately, the concern was that MLC might become too similar to other schools, prompting the need to better articulate its unique value proposition.

Chromebook Stickers

MLC discussed the request for Chromebook stickers for Ray, which would cost \$150. The decision to purchase these stickers was questioned due to the cost and the availability of other solutions, such as using the teacher's budget or having the school use their own funds. MLC suggested that the teacher could use \$100 from her budget for the stickers, but the remaining \$50 was unclear.

MLC Auction

The discussion also covered the auction. MLC mentioned needing to send a communication regarding the event and emphasized the need for more volunteers.

MLC discussed plans for an upcoming event, including the need for a 4-5 minute video and potential entertainment. They considered the possibility of securing a professional DJ but decided against it due to additional costs and the availability of other options. MLC also mentioned the need for various signs and printed materials, and offered to assist with printing if necessary. They expressed disappointment over a missed opportunity to secure a parent professional photographer but remained hopeful for next year. Lastly, MLC addressed issues with the online auction and the challenges of managing bids from both online and on-site participants.

Upcoming Parking Events

MLC discussed the upcoming event's logistics, focusing on parking arrangements and accommodating large vehicles in the lots. They decided to use the teacher's parking lot, while also utilizing a few spots for volunteers in the other lot.

Scholarships

MLC also addressed a misunderstanding regarding college scholarships, clarifying that the previously committed amounts were from last year. The decision on how to allocate the scholarship money was left open.

Standing Rules Changes and Board Realignment

MLC mentioned they would review the standing rules.

Jeremy outlined proposed changes to the standing rules, including allowing meeting dates to be rescheduled with more flexibility. There is discussion around defining the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee versus the full Board. No candidates have been identified yet for upcoming elections, but an effort will be made to recruit new members at the upcoming auction event. Jeremy is stepping down as President due to a new job.

MLC discussed the organization and agenda for future meetings, with a focus on restructuring the order of business to prioritize the financial report and allow more time for student input. MLC also proposed the idea of a student representative committee and encouraged greater participation from students. Furthermore, MLC outlined the schedule for fall events, including a foam party, ice cream social, and community dinner, and discussed the potential for a Christmas tree sale. Lastly, MLC confirmed plans for a volunteer brunch in June.