

Order of Business	<p style="text-align: center;">MLC PTSA Meeting Agenda November 13, 2024 6 to 7:30PM at the MLC Library and VIA Zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sign up or renew your PTSA membership to be a voting member</p>	
Introductions	Please share your name, your student's name and grade, and something you are thankful for.	6:00 - 6:10 PM
Financial Report	Treasurer's Report: Link to Report	6:10 - 6:15 PM
Approval of Minutes	October meeting minutes: Link to minutes from last meeting	6:15 - 6:20
Guest Speaker	Solstice Celebration - Ned Hascall	6:20 - 6:25
Committee and Other Reports	<p>Principal's Report (Darren) Teacher Report (Betsy) Electives Report (Dana) Executive Committee Report Standing Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership & Volunteer Committee (Sierra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteer Opportunities Interest Form ○ New Volunteer Request: Solstice 12/19 ○ New Volunteer Request: PTA Clothing Closet. 11/21, 9:30am-1:30pm, Marshall Campus. ● Staff Appreciation Committee (Sierra/Chenney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Conferences Potluck: Details and sign up HERE ○ Winter Gifts Of Gratitude: Sign up coming soon ● Community Building & Events Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craft Faire (Jeremy Booth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tuesday, 12/10, 3:30-5:30. Register HERE to be a vendor or play music ○ Auction (Sierra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Friday, 4/11, at Polaris Hall ■ First committee meeting happening soon ■ Currently seeking sponsors! ○ Parking Events (Tammy/Chenney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Season total of \$24,740 over 25 games ○ BottleDrop (Sierra/Adam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ October Deposits: \$228.10 ■ Fiscal Year to Date: \$918.59 ■ BottleDrop Holiday Give Matching Program 11/15-12/2 *Fundraiser for 4x5* ○ Restaurant Nights (Sierra/Erin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ McMenamin's Friends & Family Night 12/10 ■ Pastini Pastathon 1/16 (NE Broadway) 	6:25 - 6:45 PM

Unfinished Business	Field Trip Budget Proposal	6:45 - 7:15 PM
New Business	2024-2025 New Event and/or Fundraiser Ideas	7:15 - 7:25
General Discussion		7:25 - 7:30 PM
Adjournment		

Attendees

Lila Pigott	Laura Hill	Mandy Edwards
Chenney Gruber	Betsy McDowell	Laura Dyer
Sierra Stringfield Perryman	Nathan Kramer	Katrina Fortier
Abbey Fujiyoshi	Denis Reich	Jet Birenbaum
Katie Wong Murphy	Brendan Murphy	Jessamyn
Jeremy Booth	Katja Hunt	Rebecca Green
Anna Harris	Monique Leslie	Isabella Kjellande
Kyra Hazilla	Ned Hascall	

Notes

- Meeting agreements (Katie): As we welcome everyone to tonight's meeting, we invite you to reflect on our mission. MLC's PTSA supports a diverse community of students, teachers, and families by promoting MLC's legacy of alternative education, engaging volunteers, providing financial aid, fostering community, and assisting with the material needs. In support of our community, we keep the MLC mission at the core of our efforts. MLC utilizes the diversity of the city and its resources to provide a challenging learning environment to empower students. MLC honors students' identities, strengths and learning styles so they can be themselves, find themselves, and find a sense of belonging in our school community. We at MLC use courage, compassion, respect, self-discipline, and integrity as anchors for student behavior and learning. Through building relationships with each other and our world, we observe, create, imagine, and think critically about how we can influence positive change. We, as your board, encourage all meeting participants to help maintain the MLC values as we strive to facilitate this positive change for our whole community. We can demonstrate these values in the following ways:
 - Courage: Embrace discomfort and be open to new approaches
 - Compassion: Listen actively with the intent to understand and connect
 - Respect: Acknowledge all contributions and invite diverse viewpoints
 - Self-discipline: Speak your truth responsibly to ensure productive participation
 - Integrity: Act with honesty, transparency, and fairness to build trust and foster collaboration
- Financial Report (Abbey)
 - Deposit for auction venue, fees for filed taxes and annual report, \$300 for renewed insurance, \$400 for first term of electives
 - \$3000 deposited (will be seen for next year's budget)
 - Right within budget considering beginning of the year
- Approved October meeting minutes: move to approve by Sierra, seconded by Abbey

- Solstice Celebration (Ned)
 - MLC tradition as performance venue before winter break, K-5 dance/song/poetry/something they want to do together, middle school/high school skits (choir this year too)
 - Julie and Ned support MS/HS students to get it done
 - Will need families and teachers to support/volunteer, meeting next Thursday 11/21 @1530 in library, all invited to attend/discuss/plan.
 - Question: Is there PTSA budget for costumes/costume making? Answer: Possibly from community event budget (can come out of art budget)
 - Types of help needed: artistic work, sewing support, rehearsal support.
 - Show is Thursday 12/19 (1245? 1315?), then bonfire outside with celebration
- Principal's Report (Darren)
 - Not a lot to report, no school November, conferences coming up
 - Admin met with board recently
 - Thank you to Bella and Jet (junior HS students) for attending meeting tonight
 - Met with 6x8 teachers and no planned upcoming trips
- Teacher's Report (Betsy)
 - Teacher opinions on budget for later in meeting
 - Otherwise things are moving along
- Electives Report: nothing to report out
- Executive: nothing to report out
- Membership/Volunteer (Sierra)
 - Please fill out form for future details
 - Solstice volunteers needed
 - Clothing closet at Marshall - need 5-6 people for 4 hours on a weekday to sort through clothes
- Staff Appreciation (Sierra)
 - Soup, chili, salads, bread, drinks needed for appreciation dinner
 - Sign up genius available, email Sierra for monetary contributions if able
 - Gifts of gratitude: bags/gift cards to be given at solstice, Sign up coming soon
- Craft Faire (Jeremy)
 - Tuesday 12/10, flyers coming out
 - Anyone can be a vendor (free for students, \$20 donation for other community members)
 - Community event followed by McMenamín's event
- Auction (Sierra)
 - Excited for new committee members joining, looking for any men as we have none
 - Messaging coming soon for sponsors, used to be more of that previously
 - Question: If someone wants to join, who should we contact? Answer: Sierra!
 - Question: What is the timing for sponsorship detail release? Answer: Soon, but waiting on approval to have banners outside school (but will also have promotional material at event)
 - Question: Can you give a brief description of the event? Answer: Silent auction online, 50/50, live auctioneer, maybe entertainment, fun community event, food and drinks, sliding scale tickets, aim to make it less stodgy
- Parking (Chenney)
 - 25 games this season
 - \$24k + raised, a little under last year, still around \$1k per night
 - New strategy of flagging down @19th helped spread the word, so 3-4 people is helpful, cute kids help!
 - Starts back up in February

- Flyers and electronic communications will be available to promote to outside community to park here
- Bottle Drop (Sierra)
 - See agenda above for account details
 - Will be organizing collection and drop offs to maximize matching funds
 - Save them up! Ask neighbors! Rose City Book Club is helping out!
- Restaurant Nights (Sierra)
 - Sierra will turn over to Erin soon
 - See upcoming events x2 on agenda above
 - McMenamin's does get very busy, BUT! It gives you time to visit and socialize
 - Pastini requires identification that your purchase is supporting MLC to receive funds
- Unfinished Business: Field Trip Budget Proposal
 - Newsletter came out with details regarding reduction/elimination of funding from PPS
 - Moving money from other budget lines, overall clean up of budget
 - Current budget includes field trip scholarships by grade bands (Kx5, 6x8, 9x12)
 - Proposal includes three buckets:
 - Field trip funding by grade bands
 - General field trip scholarships
 - Matching funds for fundraisers
 - **+** Field Trip Proposed Budget Adjustments
 - Scholarships are applied for through Clement (directly or through link) for confidentiality. Scholarships are available for any amount.
 - Question: How does the matching work? Answer: Trip specific or grade specific fundraisers can be organized by teachers/students/families with the support of PTSA. Funds raised in this way would be matched by the PTSA matching funds. This acts as an incentive for fundraising efforts.
 - Question: How are grade band amounts decided? Answer: Equal amount (about \$15) per student in each grade bands, with exception of 9x12 that already had a fulfilled ask based on current budget.
 - Question: Is the matching funding new and is that meant to address equity concerns? Answer: It is meant to motivate and take into consideration the hardship of fundraising efforts. It is the board's intent to focus on creative solutions to equity rather than previously suggested distribution of all funds that was more equality focused.
 - Teacher concerns around how money would be divided. The board will send direct communication to staff/teachers on new budget and how it works if approved.
 - Looking for family engagement and fundraising involvement in a way that doesn't create fundraising fatigue. PTSA to help with coordination with efforts coming from students/families, more meaningful coming from students and families knowing where their money is going.
 - Concerns expressed about fundraising fatigue buildup resulting in less auction support.
 - Motion to approve budget by Nathan, seconded by Sierra. Motion approved.
- New Business
 - See 2024-2025 New Event and/or Fundraiser Ideas document linked in agenda above
 - Some event budget moved to field trip fund, would still like to have community events
 - Could fundraise at some events (ie concessions, suggested donations)
 - Possibility for community events and fundraisers combined
 - Concerns expressed about dwindling of MLC traditions since Covid, hopes for gathering to reflect on MLC history and how we can bring back past traditions (suggestion to set as unfinished business for next meeting)

- Looking for any suggestions/ideas in this area
- Student store idea brought up (ie food, school items)
- Wintergreen presale goes through 11/29 (flyers coming soon, items on PTSA website)
- Meeting adjourned at 1932