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Parent Teacher Student Association!

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September 7, 2017

MLC PTSA Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
Present: Melissa, Sommer, Angie, Elise, Alisa, Joelle, Carla, Jean, Alexa, Sarah Walden, Jill, Paul, and Stephanie. Absent: Tanya
- Review of May 2017 Minutes (explanation of publishing process)
 - Minutes will be emailed to all present with the request to review in order to correct any mistakes or suggest additional edits within one week. They will be posted on the mlcptsa.org website and sent via email blast one week before the next scheduled meeting
- 2017-2018 Standing Rules Review and Approval
Standing Rules approved
- Financial Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - The new PTSA website is already bringing in funds.
 - Almost \$1000 in sponsorships (regular donations) already!
 - Joelle will follow up on monies coming from Amazon Smile, Target, Fred Meyer, etc.
 - Membership fee when paid online will now be \$16 to adjust for credit card fees.
 - Meryl will be doing Scrip
 - Teacher discretionary accounts were decreased to half of last year's amount as approx 50% of teachers used their full funds and 50% used about half of their funds.
 - Teachers are reminded that the classroom nonconsumable budget is \$8000 and is available upon request.
 - Teachers are encouraged to contact PTSA to expedite reimbursements for supplies already purchased and waiting for School Pay funds.
 - Alexa/Kathleen/Marie will look into whether it is possible to request School Pay funds in June after school lets out
 - Several Student Support line items (Activities and fee scholarships) have increased
 - Shakespeare Fall Festival is now a line item
 - Effort will be made to encourage those who benefit from those funds to contribute in some way.
 - Budget Proposal and Approval

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Budget Approved

- Committee and Other Reports
 - Principal's Report
 - Alexa is trying to communicate often. (Air quality, etc.) Request for feedback whether too much or too little. General consensus is just right.
 - Funding Fall Shakespeare Festival looks good, need to reign in the after school activity in the building (garbage in halls), rehearsals may be at another location.
 - Staff is focusing on explicitly teaching character traits
 - Community Care Day had good turn out, welcoming bulletin board, corporate volunteers were helpful and willing to help MLC with other projects, renovated gender neutral bathroom, new monitor for security camera, repaired outside stairs, need to clean windows tall windows, safety buckets need replacing, there will be a table at curriculum night to connect volunteers with opportunities as well as a survey
 - Friends of Couch Park (construction update)
 - **Couch Park is slated to begin construction after the North Park Blocks project is completed however it is not yet currently under construction**
 - Couch Park construction is currently said to begin Feb - April 2018 and be completed by end of August 2018
 - Anyone with questions is encouraged to call Project Manager Gary Datka, gary.datka@portlandoregon.gov , 503-823-5574
 - Portland Parks and Recreation Couch Park Project website:
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/67605>
 - Alexa mentioned that MLC is now under a “Multiple Pathways” graduation path. This may open us to new district funding initiatives including temporary playground equipment.
- Unfinished Business
 - Officer Elections
 - Sommer Slevin - Co-President
 - Jennifer Avery - Secretary (not present)
 - Angie moved to elect, all in favor. Approved.
- New Business
 - 2017-2018 PTSA Events

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- PTSA Volunteer Opportunities
 - Clothes Closet on 9/28 - Staffed by MLC 2x/yr need 5-6 vols, 9:30am-1:30pm Jean will volunteer, Melissa will coordinate, Elise too. Sommer will help recruit.
 - Membership Coordinator - detail oriented, data entry to Portland PTA Assn, Alisa volunteered. Jennifer Avery may help.
- Teacher Requests
 - Sarah and John 1x2 are asking for \$400 per classroom for carpet. May be able to get cheaper from Ikea. Joelle motions to give John and Sarah \$500 each, Alisa and Stephanie second.
- Program
 - NA
- Announcements
 - Website by Alisa! mlc ptsa website - Alexa will put on MLC website
Melissa said that all money now goes to PTSA, the Foundation is being revamped so families can donate directly to the Foundation.
 - Elise and Jill would like to work on a volunteer committee.
 - Alexa says student advisors are looking for a camera for yearbook.
- Upcoming Events:
 - **MLC PTSA at the Clothes Closet** – September 28th
 - **Pizza and Family Night** – October 26th
 - **Family Math & Science Night** – February 15th
 - **MLC PTSA at the Clothes Closet** – March 8th
 - **2017 MLC PTSA Auction** – ??? (March 10th proposed)
 - **Renaissance Faire** (school-wide carnival and faire) – May 3rd
 - **PTSA Meetings:** 10/12, 11/16, 12/14, 1/11, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12, 5/17

Future topics (Parking Lot) or Lingerin Questions:

May 2017 minutes

Where and when do we receive money from AmazonSmile?

Can the office staff set up school pay in June for the following year?

Does anyone know a great commercial window washer?

How to pass on institutional knowledge (7th grade does 8th grade promo, etc.)?

What does the Multiple Pathways Cluster designation mean?

How can we scrub our old web pages from Google results?