

MLC Parent Council Meeting Minutes

10/12/11

8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Meeting

| Topic | Discussion Points |
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| Introductions | |
| Announcements | |
| PC Goodie Day Re-cap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura and Paula did a great job. • We made \$118 • We ran out of popsicles, and had to turn a lot of people away at the end. Thank you for supporting! • Next one is in November. |
| Support Fund for Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are taking straight donations for document cameras in the classrooms. • Our goal is to reach \$4,095 to provide 7 more cameras so that every teacher will have one. • We have received \$255 so far. • Donations are tax-deductible. • Would like to have volunteers to make posters—e.g., thermometers that show our progress towards the goal. Posters will be made in the ESCAPE office. You can bring your little ones while you help, if childcare is a challenge for you. Please contact Laurie Cousins to volunteer for this. |
| Ink Cartridge Recycling Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andra and Dean are leading this program. • Flyers will go out next week • We will be recycling ink cartridges, and MLC will receive money for each cartridge recycled • Please donate cartridges and toners from home, school, and your businesses. Feel free to ask friends and family to contribute as well. • Some schools make up to \$5000-6000 per month. • The cartridge donation box will be in the Front Office. • Ink cartridges that say "compatible" could be recycled at staples instead of this recycling program. |
| Halloween Parade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanessa Alexander is chairperson. • Please arrange with your child's teacher about volunteering to help with costumes. • Otherwise, please gather on the soccer field for the parade. • Parent Volunteers are needed to distribute candy on the lunch patio while the children "Trick or Treat". • Additional volunteers are needed to sort and collect candy donations a week prior to the parade, and to go downtown to shop for toys and treats with the financial donations that parents donate in lieu of candy or treats. |
| Art to Remember | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Griffin is chair. • Your child has created art in school. • A magnet will go home with a sample of the work your child created. |

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| | <p>You only keep the magnet if you choose to purchase it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other promotional items, such as tote bags, can be ordered with your child's artwork on it as well. An order form will accompany the magnet that will be sent home. • Art to Remember theme is "Peace" |
| UPDATES | |
| Fall Movie Night Recap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet was chairperson. Thank you! • Movie: "Despicable Me" • Melanie: "It was really nice! Felt like an old-school drive-in movie." • Only challenge is that people didn't RSVP ahead of time, so seating was limited. Thankfully, families were able to lay on the ground. • Wonderful community event. • Paula K. offered to put together a Movie Night Procedural Folder. |
| Donation to Teachers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC is donating \$3,600—i.e., \$200 for each teacher to buy supplies for their classrooms. • Teachers in each grade level will either receive a Lakeshore credit, or will be able to choose from a list of stores that they prefer. |
| Carpool Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey will be sent out about parents' interest in carpooling. • The survey will also poll parents about their interest in starting a bus service from the east valley. • If you would like to help towards the end of October to help tabulate the returned surveys, please contact PC. • A password-protected database has been set up that will help families find one another in their respective areas. |
| Chivas Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelled this year. We will try again next year. • Please look for information in the spring about MLC Dodger Day! • Parent Council will get free tickets for Saturday October 22, 2011. |
| Wall Mount Mailbox | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC is planning to purchase a secure mailbox for Room Parents and PC to drop off money that is collected in the classrooms. This will help cut down on disruptions to staff in the Front Office. • PC is looking into the kinds of mailboxes/ receptacles that will best serve our needs. • Price for one mailbox that was looked into is \$130.00. |
| Spiritwear Sales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales weren't that great this year. Perhaps this was due to parents having to order online without being able to see sizes of the shirts in person. • Samples will be displayed during the Halloween Parade. • Volunteers are needed before and after the parade to sell t-shirts. • A phone tree message will be made to promote the Halloween Parade sales. • By the way...Spirit Day at MLC is every Monday. |
| Entertainment Books | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't have final number, yet. • On the first day, we had \$1830 come in. That was 2/3 of what we made |

last year!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

New Business

- Health and Safety Committee has purchased equipment for recess—e.g., jump ropes, hoola-hoops, etc.
- At assembly on Monday, Mrs. Nadler said that MLC will be implementing an exercise philosophy to help children physically and mentally. She found a Harvard study that says when children are able to get their heart rates up, they are better able to focus and engage in higher learning afterwards. The administration and teachers recognize the need in getting our children more active throughout the day.
- The school is looking for programs that integrate learning with physical activity. Third grade is piloting a program. If you have ideas to propose for your class, please let your teacher know.
- Classical music is now being played in the lunch area to help make the environment more calm.
- Mrs. Neuer has implemented, and has plans to implement several changes related to lunch and recess that will keep our children active and having fun during their free-time outside of the classroom.
- Other ideas proposed related to lunch: incentives to sit with friends from other classes once they have eaten all of their food. This idea will be presented to Mrs. Neuer.
- Afternoon pick-up proposal: to have kindergarteners get picked up in the morning drop-off circle in order to relieve the congestion in the parking lot in the afternoons. This proposal needs to be followed up on with Gayle.
- It would be helpful to have parents volunteer during lunch and recess. If you are available, please let the front office know.
- Second Cup of Coffee with Mrs. Nadler and/or Mrs. Bornstein is once per month.
- Betty will bring recycle information for a possible fundraiser to our next Parent Council meeting.
- Service board for MLC parents to advertise their business or services.