

2024.12.05 Mary Lin PTA Board Meeting

Co-Presidents – Stephanie Shumacher & Ann Cloud

Secretary – Danielle Gallo

Treasurer - Rachel Weinthal Frank

VP, Communications – Beryl Firestone

Co-VP, Education – Saskia Owoade-Bryant

Co-VP, Education - Michelle Kotheimer

Co-VP, Fundraising -Esther Lipmann

Co-VP, Fundraising – Stephanie Smith

Co-VP, Operations – Amy Wheeler

Co-VP, Operations – Laura Tanguturi

Co-VP, Parent Involvement – Sarah Perlin

Co-VP, Parent Involvement – Kristen Zarbock

Parliamentarian – Claire Oates

Principal – Denise Bringslid

Assistant Principal – Katie Zubrowski

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 pm

- Approval of Minutes from 10/8 Meeting
 - o Amy wheeler made a motion to approve
 - o Andy Deutsch, second – approved.
- President’s Report & Principal’s Welcome
 - o Fun run was a success, we purchased and installed the Lü playground.
 - Raised over \$41,000
 - o Fall Fest was a big success, we raised \$8,800 which was almost the same amount as last year and had over 90 volunteers to man the bounce houses
 - o Planning a survey to get feedback from ML parents and will include foundation in question (drafting)
 - o Denise: Lü playground has been in use for 3 weeks, science fair is coming up – 4th (top 12) and 5th graders (top 10) are being judged by external judges, MAP testing is wrapping up in the next couple weeks, ML education foundation raised a little over \$17,000 just on Giving Tuesday, multicultural program is Dec. 11, budgeting process occurs in Jan/Feb, all staff holiday breakfast is coming up Dec. 20, Principal coffee will occur next Friday, 12/13 – Former Morningside Elementary Principal Audrey Sofianos took over as the new Superintendent of Midtown Cluster - will be at next Principal’s coffee (1/24)
- PTO Exploratory Committee
 - o Andy Deutsch and Amanda Walker reviewed research findings of what other schools have done and what influenced their decisions to combine the two organizations. The final recommendation is to dissolve the PTA and combine into one PTO.

- Getting 2/3 vote will be a challenge; we can do it over zoom and collecting votes will be much more seamless over zoom vs. conducting a vote in combination with a schoolwide function (e.g. art night)
- Vice Presidents' Updates
 - Operations: Amy Wheeler - keep signing up for ML holiday gift drive
 - Education: Michelle Kotheimer – plugged into conversations about rezoning, there's info on the ML FB page, meetings will start in January
 - Community Involvement: Sarah Perlin – thank you to everyone that came out to Wild Robot, had 250 attend, big shout out to CP conversancy for letting us use their screen and equipment. Bingo night is coming up in Jan – details to follow.
- PTA Nomination Committee
 - Ann: we need to have a nominating committee to fill open slots on the PTA board, we won't have many slots to fill but we need volunteers. Amy will work on volunteer signup for this.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Company match for the Fun Run has been impressive (326% of budget)!
 - Coming up we have spring rocket run (\$11k), teacher raffles (\$10k) and even with ongoing expenses, we're exactly where we need to be vs. budget.
- Q & A
 - Next general PTA meeting is in Feb, we will send info to parents about the listening sessions for the PTA/foundation consolidation
- Adjourn – Ann Cloud moved to adjourn, Andy Deutsch seconded.

Adjourn 7:02 pm

Full attendee list

Stephanie Schumacher

Ann Cloud

Beryl Firestone

Katie Zubrowski

Amy Wheeler

Jeannie Beckett

Denise Bringslid

Amanda Walker

Sarah Perlin

Rachel Weinthal

Natalie Anderson

Andy Deutsch

Michell Kotheimer

Emily Newton

Saskia Owoade

Anne Weidert