

Mountain Phoenix Community School

Festivals Committee Charter

Approved by Director of Education and Faculty (through Steering Committee) on 11-10-15

Purpose: To hold the intention of the festivals through leading the study of each festival and sharing inspiring resources to create the mood of and enhance the understanding of the festivals among our colleagues. To provide pedagogical leadership for the following festivals: Michaelmas/Harvest Festival, Lantern Walk, Spiral Garden, May Faire and work collaboratively with Parent Council to strengthen and enrich the festival life of MPCS.

Reports to: Director of Education

Reviewed by: Faculty (through Steering Committee) and Director of Education

Membership: Preferably one representative each from: Early Childhood, Lower (Gr. 1-5) and Upper (Gr. 6-8) grades, Specials

Mandated Areas: Actions or decisions that can be made with agreement from Director of Education

1. Study the mood and imagination for each festival.
2. Sharing the mood and intent for the celebration of each festival, where appropriate, with the faculty at the faculty meeting. Plan studies, presentations and artistic work.
3. Preparation, planning, and implementation of the plan for each festival. Consider review and recommendations for improvement from previous year. Maintain an archive of procedures, songs, minutes, reviews that can be referenced and passed on to members each year.
4. Work collaboratively and cooperatively with Parent Council to solicit help for each festival, share inspiration and mood for each festival, and deepen the festival life of the community.
5. Inform faculty, parents, community about the details of each festival and expectations for their engagement in a timely way.
6. Any significant changes to the traditions of the school's celebration of Festivals will need approval by the faculty and Director of Education.

Reporting and Communication:

- Gives verbal reports and updates to faculty during faculty meetings.
- Acts in accordance with guidelines specified in the document, "Guidelines for Work in Chartered Groups and Committees."
- Works in alignment with the mission, vision, and strategic plan of the school.

Work this year:

We currently meet **every other Thursday of the month in the Handwork room at 3:45pm - 4:45pm**. Liza takes notes each meeting and keeps the binder. Laura has agreed to assist with Lantern Walk and Spiral Walk this year. There is conversation around splitting the committee into two sections one ECE festivals section and a grades festival section. We are finding that for example during Michaelmas planning EC and Grades are doing very different things with the children. This will be the case for May Faire as well. We also recognize there is overlap that EC and grades will have to plan together like lantern walk, spiral walk, and faculty meeting presentations.

Festival Committee Members

Robin Brough (EC Rep)
Andrea Thompson (EC Rep)
Christa Valdez (Chair/Facilitator/LS Rep)
Heather Ward (MS Rep)
Liza Cole-Brant (Note taker/Subject Rep)
Kal Cahoon (Subject Rep)