

Parent Council Meeting

October, 15th, , 2020

6:30 pm , Zoom

Attendees	Jenny Douglass, Amanda De Rezende, Megan Shellman-Rickard Ruiz, Pauli Darrow, Susan Adams, Rachael Kenney, Erika Lidste Sakich
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2. Call to order 6:39

3. Approval of minutes

4. Organizational updates

a. Administration updates –

Phase 2 of students back on site is the highlight, per, Jenny Douglass.

Amanda asks how to address parent's questions on volume of students returning on campus. Per Jenny Douglass, PC is here to support parents and if they don't feel their concerns are being addressed. Parents concerns should always start with the class teacher. Then if they are not satisfied, family resources is the link to help guide the parents through their questions (<https://www.mountainphoenix.org/parent-resources/guidelines-parent-questions-concerns-conflicts/>) . It is hard to imagine the school will commit to a certain number of students.

b. Governing Council updates

Meeting's summary was posted in the weekly report post. Biggest things are the phase 2 re-entry and bringing the students back on campus safely. Construction continues also to be discussed.

c. Foundation updates

Dining back fundraisers are picking back up. Next restaurant is most likely to be Modern Market

e. Diversity + Inclusivity updates –

Per Kia, last meeting was Monday and bylaws are being discussed, and Steiner's work review. Notes will be out tomorrow. Jenny Douglass congratulated Kia for the communication norms and said they are awesome. Kia indicated they are a gift to the community and can be adopted and used by any committee.

f. Governance update

Amanda could not attend, but was informed the PC bylaws are still in the to do list.

5. PC Treasurer update

Per Erika, expenses for Harvest Festival are coming. Aside from that, not much has changed.

6. Committee/Festival updates

a. **Harvest festival** – Susan indicated there was a strong group of volunteers that helped put the materials together. There is leftover popcorn (it is an open bag) we can freeze, or we can use as garlands and reach out to kindergarten and ECE to see if they also want. Susan asks PC member try and engage people on facebook if time permits. There are extra packages in the building that faces Miller st. Kia recorded a video with her kids and she will post it. Jenny appreciates the work Susan did and Susan is thankful for the volunteers.

b. **Family enrichment & support** – see updates below Jenny overall thinks the most positive feedback was relationships develop. A group was created in Parent Square to continue the support. We should figure out what to do if we go remote learning at certain point this year. Pauli indicated a survey could be a good idea. Kia adds that the survey could be helpful in case we go back remote.

Action item for Family Enrichment and support is going to meet again on this matter

c. **Winter Market** is not happening there is too much uncertainty to plan for something that would require massive crowd control. Online it is too much for Erika to handle. Several ideas were discussed. Concerns with vendors were raised. Leveraging Facebook event feature may be a good solution per Rachael. Many of our vendors don't have a shipping system or website. Kia indicates that local works and five fridges are making markets happen totally online. Erika is concerned that classes are not working on crafts and we should not assume that they would. Denver Waldorf is having their winter market. No in person pickups at this point. Kia suggests telling second star to the right if they would be willing to have a vendor's table outside their business. Vendor Wednesday. Pauli can commit to having some posts in the Phoenix trade/sell/buy page

d. **Book Fair** – it will be a hybrid of in person at the second star to the right but then we don't need to We do need to decide what to do with the money. Store credit and donate money to school to fill up the classrooms bookshelves. Erika is working with Shannon to have a list of local business the school community. It will come out in the weekly report.

e. **Breakfast Club** – Amanda indicated Delicia found in Q&A for restart plan that breakfast club is suspended (see screenshot below). Jenny indicated she will follow up with administration about this. PC Members fear for Kids in free or reduced lunch may need the breakfast. Erika is concerned with this aspect. This is the biggest expense. With all of our income we can support breakfast club at current budget. Pauli suggests us taking a look at what Costco can offer in terms of packaged food or maybe something we can do via the teachers so it minimizes the circulation of kids through the hall.

7. Additional PC Business

a. **Tea Time** – Just Jenny and Megan showed up. The meeting will be put on hold for the time being.

b. **Preparing for in-person schooling for more students: what else can we add?**

Teacher appreciation – teacher’s lounge, needs supplies like creamer. Pauli is willing to go shopping for that. There is no leader for this committee yet.
 What type of support for families if they get sick. Door dash or some sort of funding. This question may fall in the family enrichment committee so this question can be further explored.

8. Action Item updates

Review of actions from past month was performed and the ones that remain open will be listed again

Action Items for next meeting		
Task to be Done	Person Responsible	Due Date
Review Minutes for October	All	19NOV20
Discuss Additional assistance to parents for the event of sickness	Family enrichment & support	
Purchase supplies for Teacher’s lounge	Pauli/Rachael	
Investigate pre-packaged breakfast options in Costco	Jenny	
Chalk board writer	Erin to contact Shannon about it	
Breakfast club – follow up with administration	Jenny	
Get guidelines for bio and Parent Council updates in website with Shannon	Jenny	15OCT20
Post pod survey; set up expectations for possible future lock down	Family enrichment & support	

Meeting ended 8:13 pm

9. Open Forum

10. Next Meeting: 11/19

Committee updates

The garden committee has recently had a good conversation with the third grade teachers to relay the info that the new raised garden beds are ready for them to use (even though there are plants in them). I am encouraged that the raised beds will be put to good use and one of the teachers even thanked the garden committee for the ease of working with them compared to working in soil. It will be the garden committees responsibility to take down the water timer before a hard freeze. That’s all for now!

- Sarah Spica

Remote Learning Support Pods

As we transition into Phase 2 of hybrid/remote learning at MPCS, I (Jenny) emailed all the parents who initially filled out the remote learning support pod survey to ask how their pod experience was, whether hybrid learning cohort assignments split up their pods, and whether they had any suggestions for what made their pod successful.

We only heard back from a handful of caregivers, and most of the responses were that people's remote learning pods didn't quite work out the way they had originally expected--either they didn't coalesce at all, or they ended up being more social vs. academic support or vice versa. A few people were in successful pods and were either staying in that pod through the transition to hybrid, or their pod was split but they didn't mind. Either way, it seemed that the work to set up pods was a great community builder, if nothing else, and families felt supported throughout this process.

There's also a pod support group on Parent Square where quite a few families joined, but we haven't seen much activity over there yet.

If we were to decide to set up the pods again, I think we've learned some great lessons about how we'd do this differently next time, to make it easier on the organizers. (But we still need to convene one final wrap up meeting to write down all the things we learned in case we're in this situation again).

Jenny Douglass

Family Enrichment Opportunities

Our committee had a couple of great meetings this summer where we talked through our priorities of what topics we'd like to bring to MPCS for Family Enrichment discussions. Now that support pod work seems to be winding down, we need to meet again to decide next steps from here--do caregivers really have the bandwidth right now to attend a talk? And what do our teachers and administrators have the capacity to pull together?

Jenny Douglass

Beautification

We don't have any updates right now.....hoping that someone will be able to write on the chalkboards for the return to hybrid learning in October....?

Have a great meeting and thanks for all you do!!!

Erin

Breakfast club



Delicia Beaty

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According to FAQs ..

Will Breakfast Club be Offered?

- ❖ Due to various restrictions around food service and the limitations of our kitchen/office space, we will not be offering Breakfast Club at this time.

So not making any plans I suppose.

October budget

MPCS Parent Council		BUDGET	This Year's Spent To Date	Last Year's ACTUALS	Notes
Budget for fiscal year: July 2020- June 2021		BY21	BY21	BY20	
Fundraising Goals	BUDGET	To date	ACTUALS		
Fundraising Projects:					
Grocery Cards	\$6,500.00	\$1,347.55	\$7,031.03		
Amazon Smiles	\$750.00	\$358.34	\$911.46		
Skate City	\$1,500.00	\$2.00	\$699.05		
Book Fair	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,793.01		Assuming a 2nd bookfair in the spring
Business Fundraisers	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$279.10		Includes: (Restaurant Nights), Box Tops, Milk Caps, etc.
Winter Market	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.00		
Garden Sale	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,840.83		
Fundraising Projects Total	\$14,950.00	\$1,707.89	\$15,084.48		
Parent Enrichment Tickets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Community Sponsorship & Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$311.00		Circle of Friends secondhand sale, Wreath Making
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,950.00	\$1,707.89	\$15,395.48		
ACTUAL EXPENDITURES					
PC Administration					
General Supplies	\$100.00	\$48.51	\$98.12		
Printing	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
PC Mtg Childcare	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Mailing Permit/ Postage	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Sign Up Genius Pro	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		included in Winter Market budget for next year
Total	\$300.00	\$48.51	\$98.12		
Festivals & Events					
Harvest Festival	\$1,500.00	\$152.11	\$515.44		
Winter Market	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$852.88		Decreased to meet expenses
Grandparent's Day	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Book Fair	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,214.46		Assuming a 2nd bookfair in the spring
Total	\$6,500.00	\$152.11	\$3,582.78		
Committees					
Parent Enrichment and Support	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		propose that Community Room is part of this
Breakfast Club	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,227.20		
Stewardship Day/Annual Meeting	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Class Reps/Teacher Appreciation	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,286.01		Increase by \$300 at Maurya's request
Campus Stewardship	\$500.00	\$447.22	\$99.95		
Garden	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$243.46		
Community Building	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total	\$6,150.00	\$447.22	\$2,856.62		
Volunteer Appreciation					
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$351.84		
Total	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$351.84		
One Time Expenses					
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,450.00	\$647.84	\$16,889.36		
INCOME VS. EXPENDITURES	\$1,500.00	\$1,060.05	-\$1,493.88		
(EOY Balance to CarryOver)					