

**MPA Parents Association
Executive Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday December 14, 2017
8:15 a.m.
Room 174**



Mission: To be an effective community building arm of Mounds Park Academy focusing on awareness and inclusivity of our diverse community.

| Business | Approver |
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| Meeting Called to Order | Co-President |
| Approval of Prior Months Meeting Minutes | Co-President |
| Approval of Agenda | Co-President |

Document Distribution

- Agenda (Pat/Wendy)
- PA Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items

- Celebrate Past Months Accomplishments:
 - Sports Swap
 - PA sponsored trip for middle school students to go see the movie "Wonder" on Nov. 20 @ 5:15pm.
 - Staff & Faculty Appreciation Holiday Gift Wrapping on December 11th
 - Movie Documentary "Screenagers" Dec. 12
 - Breakfast With Santa Event Dec. 3 hosted by Twin Cities Moms Blog. PA decorated cafeteria for this event.
 - Apple Pies for staff (Thanksgiving)
 - Upper School PA Faculty Appreciation Dinner Nov. 30
 - Lower School Parent Ed Event
 - Other?

- Upcoming Event Updates:
 - Book Festival
 - Starts Jan. 16
 - LS writing / illustrating stories in hard cover books
 - Book Festival Proceeds continue to go to library. The money from MS Café process is no longer going to library, as this is a “break even” goal.
 - MS Café
 - Lower School 100th day celebration
 - Other
- Cultural Celebrations Committee
 - Update from those that attended International School cultural celebration
- Micro-funding Requests
 - Are there any micro funding requests to review this month?

Division Chair Updates

- LS Division Chair: Christine Larson and Heidi Nelson ([both in attendance](#))
- MS Division Chair: Kim Jakway ([not in attendance](#))
- US Division Chair: Amanda Campbell ([not in attendance](#)) and Elizabeth Esch ([in attendance](#))

Other Board Member Updates

- Co-Presidents: Pat Wyant ([in attendance](#)) & Wendy Cusick ([not in attendance](#))
- Co-President Elects: Seema Anwar & Ginnie Peterson ([both in attendance](#))
- Treasurer: Tricia Hutton ([in attendance](#))
- Secretary: Cari Simonson ([in attendance](#))

Meeting Minutes –

Budget:

- Membership money is in
- Budget looks good
- Microfunding – Upcoming request likely from the robotics team – possibly up to a \$2000 ask

Sports Swap:

- A lot of equipment was donated
- Leftovers will be donated to the US service project
- Earned \$197
- Timing of sale would most likely be better at homecoming and in a location other than the atrium

Wrapping Event:

- 20 or so brought gifts to be wrapped
- 200 or so gifts wrapped
- Supplies for next year are still good, but may need more non-traditional, funky wrapping papers

Screenagers:

- There was an opinion that it would have been nice for the US students to have seen the movie as well
- It also would have been nice if there was a second showing for those who missed the first viewing
- MPA paid for one showing to the MS students, PA paid for the nighttime showing
- Possible January showing for those who missed it

Apple Pies:

- The pies were very much appreciated – Thank you to Aamodt's for donating over 120 pies

US Dinner:

- The dinner was wonderful and appreciated

LS Parent Ed:

- Singapore Math and Library – Staff that present get gift cards as a thank you – parents very engaged and interested – well attended – 2 kids in panther for the meeting – next meeting topic is the maker space – last topic is still being planned

MS Ed Event:

- Dr Nolan spoke – about 20 people attended
- There was a parent coffee at Panera – 8 to 10 people showed up – some LS parents showed, the rest were MS – agreed that it is not necessary to buy coffee/pastries for the parents

US Meeting:

- The first nighttime meeting happened this quarter – People stayed about 2 ½ hours – good turn out at the morning meeting option as well

Book Festival:

- Artist doing drawings of our highlighted people – 3x5 images – he's a brother of a current 2nd grade student
- Plans are moving along nicely
- Library to get the used book sale proceeds and the book store sale proceeds
- There will hopefully be Peer Picks – hoping that it works for the book sellers to have these books on hand to sell

- Family Night is all planned – many fun events planned – games and activities, read to therapy dogs, dinner, 1 hour of arts/crafts time, 1 hour of MN Opera
- No gift cards for the book fair this year – didn't sell very many
- Tote bags to each family - while supplies last

Café:

- Décor, food, activities – sign up genius going out soon
- 2 days during book festival
- Cranking up after winter break
- Much smaller event this year – not a fundraiser, but a fun event with a focus on hanging out and having fun – break even goal
- Peer Picks in the Café as well
- Maya Peterson will have signed books out as well

100 Day Celebration:

- In the works

Staff Appreciation:

- Coming up on February 5

Cultural Celebration:

- Seema attended the cultural celebration at the International School
- 4-5 countries featured
- Food booth for each country
- Parade with flags and people dressed in traditional clothes
- Performers, dance, play
- Each classroom had created different artifacts from featured countries
- Hoping to model a similar all school event on a Saturday at MPA next year
- International School had the PA pay for food and the rest was school driven