

**MPA Parents Association  
Executive Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday November 9, 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

- Introductions and Culture Activity –
  - Matt Magers -Director Of Development
  - Jenn Gatti – Chair of Development Committee
  - What are people doing over Thanksgiving Holiday Break?
- Celebrate Past Months Accomplishments:
  - Lower School Halloween Party
  - Grades 5 and 6 Halloween Party
- Upcoming Event Updates:
  - Book Festival
  - MS Café
  - Lower School 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration
  - Sports Swap
  - PA sponsored trip for middle school students to go see the movie "Wonder" on Nov. 20 @ 5:15pm.
  - Movie Documentary "Screenagers" Dec. 12
  - Breakfast With Santa Event Dec. 3 hosted by Twin Cities Moms Blog. PA is Decorating cafeteria for this event
  - Upper School PA Faculty Appreciation Dinner Nov. 30
  - Parent Education

- Cultural Celebrations Committee
  - Define goals of committee with the assumption this is a one-day event to occur next year.
  
- Grade Rep Lists:
  1. The official PA grade reps should feel free to use these for emails or Evites.
  
  2. The lists should only be used for grade level Parents Association-related communications. The lists should not be combined and used for entire division or PreK-12 PA communications. Those communications need to continue coming through the division communications or Panther Post.
  
  3. Best practice in email is to put everyone in BCC, so as to prevent mass reply all's.
  
- Micro-funding Requests
  - Are there any micro funding requests to review this month?

## Division Chair Updates

- LS Division Chair: Christine Larson (IN ATTENDANCE) and Heidi Nelson (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)
  
- MS Division Chair: Kim Jakway – IN ATTENDANCE
  
- US Division Chair: Amanda Campbell (IN ATTENDANCE) and Elizabeth Esch (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)

## Other Board Member Updates

- Co-Presidents: Pat Wyant & Wendy Cusick – BOTH IN ATTENDANCE
- Co-President Elects: Seema Anwar & Ginnie Peterson – BOTH IN ATTENDANCE
- Treasurer: Tricia Hutton – NOT IN ATTENDANCE
- Secretary: Cari Simonson – IN ATTENDANCE

## Future Topics

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| After Budget Approved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review Mission Statement and Potentially Update</li><li>• Discuss How to Build Volunteering Pool</li></ul> |
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### 1 – Matt Magers & Jenn Gatti –

Next week will be the final push for the fall campaign.  
Next Thursday is the lip sync battle and Give to the Max Day  
Flyers with posters and email pushes plus the assembly  
Philanthropy is so important – tuition only funds 82%, so support is needed for enrichment  
We are a non-profit school  
\$600,000 goal – fall campaign and the spring auction are the 2 big pushes  
\$100,000 goal for Give to the Max Day

### 2 – Past month events

Halloween Party – success  
LS parent ed event – had about 12 parents in attendance. 2 at the night time meeting (1 used panther) and 10 at the morning meeting. Ms Rosbach gave a great talk on the history of MPA  
LS Unity Day – PA bought orange socks and t-shirts for kids that didn't have them that day. All were used.

### 3 – Upcoming

Book Festival – “what’s your story?” Starts January 16. LS will write/illustrate stories in hard cover books provided by the PA. MS will design the t-shirt. Volunteers are plentiful (old and new families). Will have MS ‘staff picks’ for books and hope the book sellers can order these books. Same book sellers from past years – proceeds from book sales go to library. Book Festival no longer funding the library. Will encourage the library to use micro-funding for their needs. Money from the event wasn't included in the library budget – bonus money for them.

MS Café – 2 day event, not a fundraiser, just a fun event for the kids. Trying to simplify things this year. Addendum Books will be there. Six Chamber will also be there. Will be a Barnes and Noble type café. Fauxcinos and bubble teas. First official meeting 11/10.

Hosting a twin cities mom event – breakfast with Santa on December 3. PA to decorate.

Pancake Breakfast – 12/6 – same decorations used from the breakfast with Santa.

LS 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration in February – Mrs P wants to make a quilt, each kid to get a square.

Sports Swap – Sign up genius for volunteers. \$2, 5, and 10 items. Week after Thanksgiving. In conjunction with Sports Week.

MS PA sponsored event – Discounted tickets to see Wonder. \$8 instead of \$11.50. November 20 @ 5:15. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Each grade to use their funds to pay for tickets? Parents invited as well.

Pies for teachers – Aamodt's to donate 120 apple pies. Pies will be set out in work room for teachers to take.

Holiday Gift Wrapping – 12/11. Sign-up genius for volunteers. Have a lot of leftover supplies, but will shop for what is needed.

Screenagers Documentary – 12/12. Time not set yet. PA sponsored. Student screening and parent screening. About two hours long. Followed by discussion.

US PA Faculty Appreciation Dinner – 11/30. Just for US teachers because they are the only ones doing conferences at that time.

#### 4 – Cultural Celebrations

Meeting with Dr Hudson soon to nail down vision. International School of MN has invited us to view their full day cultural celebration on 12/2.

#### 5 – Grade Rep Lists

Xcel doc for families in each grade. Do not abuse the use of the email addresses. Can't use Schoology as a means of communication – for academics only. Community Bulletin Board going away. PA important dates on PA website. Want to simplify the sources where information comes from.

#### 6 – Micro-funding Requests

Brewinski MS play - \$500 approved

