

**MPA Parents Association
Executive Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday October 12, 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
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 091417
- MPA PA Grade Reps 2017-2018 v4
- Parent Education Ideas
- 2017-18 Proposed Budget (Tricia)

Discussion Items

- **2017 /2018 Proposed Budget Review (All).** The notes below are from last months meeting, and can be used to continue discussions so we can finalize budget.
 - THE BUDGET CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS YEARS IS AT JUST UNDER \$15,000. Are we planning on using any of this for this years budget?
 - THE PA WILL SPONSOR A TOTAL OF 4 FACULTY DINNERS – 2 IN THE SPRING AND 2 IN THE FALL.
 - WE WILL KEEP THE GRADE SOCIALS BUDGET AT \$500 PER GRADE FOR NOW. Discussion were had on possible allocating \$300 to each grade, and pooling \$200 each class to go to group socials.
 - CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS – THESE WILL BE TABLED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND REVISED FOR NEXT YEAR. A COMMITTEE WILL BE CREATED TO WORK ON A ONE DAY EVENT FOR NEXT YEAR. THE CURRENT YEAR'S BUDGET FOR THIS EVENT WILL GO TO MICROFUNDING
 - MS. WRIGHT MAY WANT FUNDS FOR TWO EVENTS – ANTI BULLYING DAY ON OCTOBER 25 AND THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

- PA would fund the new MS student pizza lunch again like last year & I noticed it is not on the MS budget (\$100 or less)
- Ensure moving up ceremony gets proper MS budget
- Final Grade Rep Review
- Changes / Updates to Parents Association link on MPA website – Seema - [see notes below](#)
- Review Parent Education Ideas - [Elizabeth Esch is working on getting a speaker for US \(potentially all grade levels\) - would partner with other private schools in the area](#)
- How did the First PA education event go?....”The Adolescent Brain and How the Brain Development Fits into Growth Mindset”
- Recap of Staff and Faculty Appreciation Week - [very well received](#)
- Schoology – Setting up PA groups
 - Groups needed:
 - PA group
 - Grade rep group
 - Grade rep sub-groups (LS, MS, US)
 - By Grade
 - Eliminate Existing Groups on:
 - Shutterfly
 - Facebook?
- Upcoming Events
 - Halloween Party October 31
 - Twin Cities Moms Event “Donuts With Santa”.
 - Dec. 3
 - PA to help coordinate decorating main hallway and cafeteria
- Micro-funding Requests
 - Are there any microfunding request to review this month?

Division Chair Updates

- LS Division Chair: Christine Larson and Heidi Nelson - [both in attendance](#)
 - LS Unity Day update/requests
 - LS Sports Swap update and discussion
 - FreeThinker sponsorship idea
- MS Division Chair: Kim Jakway - [in attendance](#)
- US Division Chair: Amanda Campbell and Elizabeth Esch - [Amanda absent, Elizabeth 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 - [in attendance](#)
- Secretary: Cari Simonson - [in attendance](#)

Future Topics

After Budget Approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Mission Statement and Potentially Update• Discuss How to Build Volunteering Pool
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Meeting Minutes -

The **BUDGET** has been approved for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

As of now, it seems there will be \$23,775 in membership dues from 316 families.

Faculty and Staff:

\$1100 & \$700 Sept Conf week food, \$600 Dec Conf week food, \$600 Feb Conf week food, \$250 Holiday Wrapping, \$750 Other Appreciation

All School:

\$700 New Parent Social, \$3500 Book Festival, \$1500 MS Café, \$1000 White Out Dance, \$250 Spring Auction, \$2500 Education Series, \$4000 Microfunding

Lower School:

\$500 Halloween Party, \$500 Valentine Day Party, \$400 Quarterly Meetings (Schoolology, Makerspace, Singapore Math, and one TBD), \$500 Panther Club for quarterly meetings, \$200 Unity Day supplies (extra orange t-shirts etc)

Middle School:

\$150 New Student Pizza Party, \$400 quarterly meetings, \$800 fourth and eighth grade moving up ceremonies (tee shirts, food and décor)

Upper School:

\$1500 Graduation, \$1200 Finals Snacks, \$400 Quarterly Meetings

Grade Socials:

\$500 for each grade Pre-K through 12th

Admin Totals:

\$300 PA meetings, \$50 Supplies, \$150 State Filing Fees and Taxes etc, \$400 Marketing, Flyers, Advertisements

Other:

\$80 Bank fees

*Book Festival Ideas -

Tee shirts

Theme "What's your Story?"

Blank books that kids will write stories in and then the books will be used as decorations

Opera singer story teller

*MS Café in conjunction with Book Festival -

B & N book café theme idea

Focus on hanging out with friends, rather than on food

Coffee cart, games on tables, snacks (not meals)

Lamps and Comfy chairs

*PA Link -

Still has last year's info on it, needs to be updated

Add Sports Swap

Add LS & MS education dates