

**MPA Parents Association
Executive Board Meeting Recap
Thursday April 13, 2017
8:30 a.m.
Porter Conference Room**



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

- Agenda (Amanda/Christine)
- 2016-2017 Budget (Tricia)
- 2017-2018 MPA PA Board Roster (In Packet)
- 2017-2018 MPA PA Calendar (In Packet)
- March Meeting Minutes sent via email by Cari Simonson (In Packet)

Discussion

- Budget – Review: Any questions/comments? –
 - Kim Jakway will check with Rose Wick on the MS Café receipts as there is a discrepancy.
- MS Café Recap –
 - Overall the café was well received, but there were some mixed feelings about it. The kids liked it, although they thought some of the items were pricey. Some parents were unhappy having to donate items only to have their kids buy them at the café. The money made versus the donation value was a wash. There were comments made about the amount of work, time and effort that was put into the event for the money made at it. Might need to rethink the length of the event for next year, a week might be too long. Consensus is that it is a great community building event. Thoughts for next year include making it a simpler event with cheaper options for the kids. Trying to stay away from setting expectations of the event so high that people are afraid to outdo it the next year. Also talked about bringing in the student council so that the kids could operate, fund, decorate, budget, plan and sell items for the event. The students could decide where the money made went to whether it is used for something at school or goes to an outside charity.
- Vote on March Minutes – Approved by all in attendance
- Upcoming Events – Passover – Final Cultural Celebration of the school year
- Cultural Fair Idea for Next School Year –
 - Instead of doing separate events throughout the school year, a “Festival of Nations” type of event would be held early in the school year, possibly November. There would be food and information specific to the highlighted cultural stations. This would be an afterschool event in the cafeteria/gallery.
- 2017-2018 Executive Board Planning and Election – ready for election. We will leave VP of Grade Reps off for now.
- 2017-2018 Calendar – There will be a meeting on May 3 to finalize this.
- Best of MPA Donation – PA will donate a child’s bike and helmet. Items will be purchased at Strauss in Maplewood.

Division Chair Updates

- Co-Presidents: Amanda & Christine – Projects – BOTH IN ATTENDANCE
- Board of Trustees Rep: Karen – Update – NOT IN ATTENDANCE
- Treasurer: Tricia – Report – IN ATTENDANCE
- Secretary: Cari – Report – IN ATTENDANCE
- LS Division Chair: Wendy – Report – IN ATTENDANCE
- MS Division Chair: Kim – Report – IN ATTENDANCE
- US Division Chair: Elizabeth – Report - IN ATTENDANCE
- Seema Anwar – IN ATTENDANCE

Next PA Executive Board Meeting is Thursday May 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Thank you for ALL you do!