

**Parents Association Executive Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Thursday October 13, 2016  
Parents Association Room**



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

## **Introductions & Welcome**

- Introductions & Welcome to new (2) Executive Board Members
  - Monica Haas – President Elect – Not in Attendance
  - Julia Nelson – VP Grade Reps – Not in Attendance

## **Document Distribution**

- Agenda (Amanda/Christine – Both in Attendance)
  - Two (2) Microfunding Grant Applications (Sandra – In Attendance) – THERE WERE 3 ASKS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR ASKS IS \$5000 IN 2016/2017.
  - DEE DEE STACY HAS ASKED THAT THE YOGA CALM PROGRAM IN LOWER SCHOOL BE APPROVED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR. TOTAL ASK \$750. THAT WOULD COVER THE PROGRAM THAT WOULD START IN DECEMBER AND GO FOR 25 WEEKS. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF 20 MINUTE SESSIONS IN EACH HOMEROOM. PT EMPLOYEE ANNE STEWART WOULD BE THE INSTRUCTOR. APPROVAL WILL BE DECIDED AFTER MORE INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE BOARD IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA OF YOGA IN LS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN IT BECOMES PART OF THE CURRICULUM RATHER THAN A PA SUPPORTED PROGRAM. IF APPROVED, A RECEIPT EXPLAINING WHAT THE \$750 COVERS WOULD NEED TO BE PROVIDED.
  - RENEE SONKA HAS ASKED FOR A VISUAL ARTS HANGING SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF \$1243.70. THIS ASK HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE SYSTEM IS MOVEABLE AND WON'T MOUNT PERMANENTLY TO THE WALLS. THIS MEANS NO NEED FOR SCREWS, NAILS OR TAPE. THIS IS ALSO REUSABLE.
  - SARAH MACFARLAND HAS ASKED FOR 23 KID KNIT KITS FOR HER 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SEMINAR CLASS FOR A TOTAL OF \$368. ASK APPROVED. THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THESE KITS WOULD CREATE EMPATHY FOR OTHERS AND CREATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. THE KITS ARE REUSABLE, HOWEVER YARN WOULD NEED TO BE PURCHASED EACH YEAR.
- 2016-17 Budget (Tricia – IN ATTENDANCE)
  - SORTED OUT STAFF AND FACULTY DINNERS – THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 4 FOR THE YEAR.
  - DISCUSSED THE JOY COMMITTEE. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE COMMITTEE WITH NATALIE WATERS SEUM TO FIGURE OUT STAFF GIVEAWAYS IN THE PA BUDGET AND THE ROLE THE JOY COMMITTEE WILL PLAY IN STAFF APPRECIATION.
  - AGREED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.

## Discussions

- First IMAC PALs meeting last Friday – Report (Amanda) – AMANDA CAMPBELL IS ON THIS COMMITTEE AND WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING ALONG WITH 8 OTHERS. IT WAS AN OPEN DISCUSSION – THE TOPIC WAS VOLUNTEERING AND THE CHALLENGES GETTING PEOPLE TO STEP UP TO VOLUNTEER. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN JANUARY AND 2 MORE WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER THAT.
- Grade Rep Program – Asks/Schedule for the School Year – VOLUNTEER ASKS – DIWALI AND HALLOWEEN PARTY – THESE ARE TIME ASKS, NOT MONETARY ASKS
- MPA PA Calendar & Events – Upcoming & Updates on Completed Events – LOWER SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY ON 10/28 - DIWALI EVENT ON 10/26 AFTER SCHOOL – AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF LOGIN AND PASSWORD INFO COULD BE SENT TO EACH FAMILY ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SO THAT PEOPLE CAN EASILY LOG ON TO COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD WITHOUT SEARCHING FOR THAT INFO WHEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARISE
- Scheduled Next: Cultural Celebration/Division Meetings/Parent Education – NOVEMBER UPPER SCHOOL DIVISION MEETING COMING UP. MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ED TALK ON 10/14 8-9 AM TO DISCUSS EDUCATION IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.

## Division Chair Updates

- Co-Presidents: Amanda & Christine – Projects – BOTH ATTENDED MEETING
- Board of Trustees Rep: Karen – Update – IN ATTENDANCE – DISCUSSED THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LATASHA ST. ARNAULT AND JEN GATTI ARE ON THE COMMITTEE). THIS COMMITTEE DEALS WITH ANYTHING NOT COVERED BY TUITION. THE GOAL IS TO PREVENT OVER ASKING FAMILIES FOR DONATIONS. THEIR TWO MAJOR EVENTS ARE THE ANNUAL FUND AND THE BEST OF MPA (SPRING AUCTION). THEY MEET 4 TIMES PER YEAR, WITH THE NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30. FALL CAMPAIGN IS CURRENTLY GOING ON – PIZZA CAMPAIGN (70% PARTICIPATION IN A CLASSROOM WILL RESULT IN A PIZZA PARTY). PARTICIPATION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED AND ANY AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED IS APPROPRIATE.
- Treasurer: Tricia – Report – IN ATTENDANCE – WENT OVER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR – ALL LOOKED GOOD.
- Secretary: Cari – Report – IN ATTENDANCE – THE LAST LITTLE FREE LIBRARY HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER.
- VP Grade Reps – Julia Nelson - Report – NOT IN ATTENDANCE
- LS Division Chair: Wendy – Report – IN ATTENDANCE – SINGAPORE MATH NIGHT IS ALREADY PLANNED AND SCHEDULED. SNACKS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE EVENT. DISCUSSED YOGA CALM – NOT VOTED ON YET.
- MS Division Chair: Kim – Report – IN ATTENDANCE – FIRST PARENT ED MEETING COMING UP ON 10/14
- US Division Chair: Elizabeth – Report – IN ATTENDANCE – NEXT US MEETING COMING UP SOON