**March 26, 2018  
MLS PTO Board Meeting**

Board Members in attendance: Mike Irani, Jennifer Underwood, Meg Franco, Stacey Carden, Beth McCarthy, Amylynn Johnson, Christina Keller, Sarah Kelsey, Carrington Grossman, Amanda Beresford, Carleen Kupcis

Membe-at-large: Helen Boyd

1. **Welcome**
   1. Beth opens the meeting and welcomes members.
2. **Principal’s Report – Mike Irani**
   1. Thanks for info and help with student protest on March 14. Grateful to staff and PTO.

We had one of the highest participation rates for an elementary school in the county.

* 1. Back-to-School Night update: spoke to teacher team leaders and they think we should go back to having a back-to-school-night next school year. Therefore next fall, the school will return to a shorter open house, and add back-to-school-night into the schedule.
  2. Outdoor learning space update: Jim Kovach is revising the concepts he proposed, looking to scale down and make all plans accessible to as many kids as possible. Looking for cost estimator.

1. **Faculty Representative Report – Meg Franco** 
   1. A big thanks from the teachers for the nacho bar!
   2. Teachers asked about end-of-year funding request timelines.
      1. We are asking that they first put it on the Giving Tree at the Spring Auction (new this year) and if it doesn’t get purchased there, we can consider it for the end-of-the-year funding requests.
   3. Kindergarten orientation is coming up May 10— PTO VPs will attend.
   4. Aug 19th popsicle playdate. Suggests wearing t-shirts or identifiers for PTO. Orientation is Aug.20. Aug. 22 is first day of school.
2. **Ezone Discussion – Helen Boyd**
   1. After two years administering the program, Helen has collected information from parents, and teachers, and other schools in order to suggest changes for improvements & streamlining
   2. Background: Teachers have had same pay for 6 years (at least)
   3. Suggested Structural Change: change to 3, 6-week sessions (instead of 4, 4-5 week sessions). This will help with administration, offer the same overall weeks, and make it easier for teachers.
   4. Salary change: Discussed 3 different options for pay structure (based on what would garner enthusiasm from teachers, encourage participation and based on what other schools are doing)
   5. Administration will help gather ideas from kids on what ezone activities they would enjoy
   6. PTO expressed gratitude for Helen’s hard work and agreed to work on a change while focusing on the mission: to provide the most enriching experience for the most number of kids that we can.
   7. Voting on proposals set for May meeting
3. **Professional Development Discussion: Amylynn**
   1. Looking to change structure for how PTO saves for it going forward. We now have a few years of data on how much we need to save, which will help.
   2. Also must make a decision on what to do with funds that have been saved and unused.
   3. Beth moves that PTO continue to fund professional development for teachers. Christina seconds. Motion passed.
   4. Discussion can continue via email and we will vote on the issue in May.
4. **Spring Auction note**: Board will beta test the auction system with pretend items. We’ll be live when we return from spring break.

Amylynn moves to adjourn. Amanda seconds. Meeting adjourned.