



Montessori Learning Centre

Parent Teacher Association

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2020

LOCATION: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING | 6:45pm

In Attendance

Parents: Jennifer & Daniel R., Nicole K., Reggie & Jasmin O., Justin P., Jean Guy L., Karen M., Nana B., Jennifer O., Taishia L., Abaan H., Raza M., Shailen P., Karen H., Jenny S., Cynthia D. (Vice-President), Nina D. (President)

School: Sally F., Nicola Phillips (Principal)

Welcome Cynthia!

Cynthia Demczak (mom to Evelyn and Audrey) has joined the PTA and is now our Vice-President! Welcome Cynthia!!!

New Email Address

The PTA has a new email address: mlcpchair@gmail.com

Please use this address moving forward to contact us with questions or concerns.

Halloween Loot Bag Fundraiser (Nina)

Typically, the school would host a Halloween party at the end of October and the PTA would hold a raffle table. The party is unfortunately cancelled this year because of COVID. With the uncertainty around trick-or-treating, the PTA offered parents the opportunity to purchase a pre-made (and safely packed) Halloween treat bag to take home on Friday, October 30 in case families would like to avoid door to door trick-or-treating this year. The treat bags will come in a large decorated kraft bag that will contain nut-free chocolates, candies, snacks, little games and art supplies. The cost of each bag was advertised to be \$10, a small portion of which will go back to the PTA for future fundraising initiatives.

Holiday Fundraiser (Nina)

Last year, the school ran back-to-back fundraisers: 1) *Recipes in a Jar* and, 2) *Vandermeers Flower Arrangements*. *Recipes in a Jar* (<https://recettesenpot.com>) offered 12-15 various one-pot meals in attractively packaged mason jars to use for the family or give away as

gifts. The value and quality were fantastic – one jar would often fill a family of four over two days. This year, they are offering online ordering and free delivery to your homes.

We will be looking into the *Vandermeers* fundraiser to see how it's changed this year due to COVID and if it's not feasible, we will replace it with another initiative.

Finally, we will have just one scholastics book fair this autumn (rather than two). All funds raised from scholastic book ordering goes directly back to the school into purchasing new books for your children's classrooms.

What's different this year is that rather than advertise the fundraisers separately and at different times, we will be disseminating a Holiday Fundraising Package to all parents at the start of November so that you can see all fundraisers at once and then choose which (if any) you would like to participate in. Please remember – there is NEVER any pressure to buy into any fundraiser.

The PTA is also thinking about how family holiday photos may be impacted this year and are talking with the school about the possibility of: 1) holding holiday photos at the school, and 2) having your children design their own holiday greetings cards that we can then reprint for distribution. These ideas are still being worked out.

Vacant Positions (Nina)

The PTA is looking for parents to fill the position of treasurer, secretary, and scholastics coordinator. We are also looking for parents who might be interested in leading individual fundraisers as project coordinators. There will never be any pressure to do more than you can or to commit for the entire year. If you are interested in talking about any one of the roles further, please contact Nina at mlcpchair@gmail.com

Business Registry (Cynthia)

Cynthia will spearhead the Parent Business Registry. Any parent who works for or owns a business (including those who have side businesses from home) can have their business advertised in an online flyer to share with all MLCP parents. The goal of the Parent Business Directory is to both support our local business owners and create a stronger community within the school. Cynthia will soon ask parents to email the PTA with their business name, logo, website link, social media accounts, contact information, and a short description of what service they provide.

If any parents would like to assist with the creation of the registrar, please email us to volunteer.

Personal Protective Equipment: Year-Round Fundraiser (Cynthia)

Cynthia will look into vendors who can provide either MLCP logo or personalized face masks, mask lanyards, reusable travel clean/dirty mask storage bags, and travel

sanitizers available year-round for purchase in the office. She is currently researching various vendors, but if any parents already know of a businesses providing good quality products or would like to assist with this initiative, please email mlcpchair@gmail.com

Other Business

Nicole Kirby provided a wealth of past successful fundraising ideas for the PTA to explore. She and the PTA will meet to discuss each idea and collect more information to narrow down which ones to try in the new year.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting ended at 7:22pm.