



Montessori Learning Centre

Parent Teacher Association

MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2021
LOCATION: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING | 6:45pm

In Attendance

Parents: Justin P., Jean-Guy L., Nana B., Anthony L., Valentina B., Nina D. (President)

School: Connie F., Nicola P. (Principal)

2020 Holiday Fundraisers

1) *Scholastics Book Fair*: Now a year-round fundraiser like Mabel's Labels. Parents can order directly from the website anytime. Visit [scholastic.ca/clubshop](https://www.scholastic.ca/clubshop) and when you check out, enter our school code in the payment section **RC240596**. You will receive free shipping and the school will receive a portion of the proceeds. Funds raised from parent's orders will go towards purchasing books for your children's classrooms.

2) *Recipes in a Jar*: By the final day, we sold 147 jars for a total profit of \$441. This also meant that we were able to provide 147 meals to St. Paul's Food Bank here in Pickering. I have been asked by a few parents and teachers to bring this fundraiser back in the Spring, so it was included in the survey that went out (to be discussed later in the meeting).

3) *Holiday Boredom Buster Busy Bags*: The tiered pricing system resulted in the most profit being earned from single child bags, then 2-child bags, and the least profit from family bags of 3 children. We sold 40 bags for 63 children.

Total Sales: \$1035

Total Costs: \$796

Total Profit: \$239

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Jean-Guy, Cynthia and Paul, and Jenny who helped make these bags fulsome, unique and enriching!

2020 Spring Fundraisers

If we were not in a pandemic, we would be gearing up for our most profitable fundraiser of the year – the sale of boxed chocolates. Parents would be asked to either sell boxed chocolates, make a donation in lieu of selling or opt-out all together. It is not safe to sell door-to-door and

the company has not come up with a reasonable plan for contactless selling, so we will have to postpone or skip this initiative all together.

We posted a survey that had 7 ideas for possible Spring campaigns. We received 52 responses. Below are the initiatives as described in the survey, ranked from highest to least endorsed by MLCP parents:

- 1) *Plantables* – pre-order seedlings online that will then be grown-to-order and shipped to your door when it's time to plant them in your own garden.
- 2) *Cineplex-at-home* – popcorn, candy, beverages and a coupon for the cineplex rental store online to be delivered to the school on a Friday evening for family movie night.
- 3) *Recipes in a Jar* – the return of the holiday fundraiser where you can order various one-pot meals in mason jars. Just dump the contents in a pot, cook, and serve to your family or give away as gifts.
- 4) *Take out dinner from a local restaurant* – parents could order from a special discounted menu through a new, local small restaurant and have it delivered to MLCP and ready for pick up at home time.
- 5) *Bulk Frozen Food Order* – parents can order frozen meats, seafood, or baked goods from a local farm or distributor.
- 6) *Coffee Beans* – MLCP would negotiate a deal with Dark City Coffee, a local small business in Scarborough that has over 100 varieties of coffee, roasted and ground to your preference.
- 7) *At home DIY Pizza Kit from Little Caesars.*
- 8) Delivery of *Krispy Kreme Donuts* to the school for pickup at home time.

We will look into getting the top three ranked campaigns (Plantables, Cineplex and Recipes in a jar) off the ground in the coming months.

End of meeting: 7:00pm

Nicola, Connie and Nina continued to speak after the meeting had concluded. Connie suggested holding an online school-wide BINGO afternoon one weekend. The idea evolved to combining the event with Chili Night. In the past, MLCP would sell tickets to Chili night where families could come together for a chili dinner towards the end of March. Since we cannot gather, we will morph these two events together. More details to come during the first week of March.