

## **Maplebrook Home & School**

### **General Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7:00 PM C.T. Via Zoom.**

#### **Present**

1. Anne Marie Fetter
2. Blythe Munoz
3. Elizabeth Evers
4. Christina Mulvey
5. Colleen O'Donnell
6. Jeannie Gentile (Vice President)
7. Mrs. Ordaz (Principal)
8. Jillian Langer (President)
9. Yulia Levadnaya (Treasurer)
10. Jess Harnish
11. Cory Diederich
12. Emily Tonon
13. Emily Morton
14. Jamie Calandriello
15. Jena McKinnon
16. Jen Para
17. Kourtney Vaccaro
18. Megan Masar
19. Michael Manfredo
20. Nadia Sheehan
21. Nicole Arient
22. Ellen Hanson
23. Meghan Horsman
24. Mallory McDermott
25. Denisse M. (Secretary)

#### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order and began at 7:04 P.M. Central Time.

#### **Minute Approvals**

The January 2025 minutes were approved by an initial motion by Ms. Arient and seconded by Ms. Sheehan.

### **Principal's Report (Principal Ordaz)**

Principal Ordaz discussed the completion of testing and parent-teacher conferences, highlighting the success of the book fair and the delivery of books to students. She also mentioned the upcoming World Down Syndrome Day and World Day of Play celebrations, as well as the visit from Lincoln Junior High. Mrs. Ordaz will plan to send out information about the Lincoln Junior High 5th grade family night (April 16th at 6 PM) to 5th grade parents when received from Lincoln. Principal Ordaz emphasized the importance of managing emotions during the spring season and encouraged parents to engage in conversations about staying calm and focused.

### **President's Report (Jillian Langer)**

Ms. Langer then discussed the approval process for January and the need to follow up with Mrs. Buell on the status of the meeting minutes posted on the website. She also thanked Ms. Munoz for her work in recruiting for the next year's staff and the book fair chairs for their efforts. Ms. Langer also acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Manfredo and Ms. Calengiello in managing the school's social media and sign-up genius, respectively. She thanked Ms. McKinnon for her work with the school supplies and the kindergarten preview packets. Ms. Langer also mentioned the upcoming Fine Arts night and the upcoming Building a Passion Breakfast. Meghan reported that the book fair raised a total of \$2,106.63 in cash profit.

Ms. Munoz discussed the progress of various events and roles for the upcoming year. She mentioned that Ms. Arient has accepted the nomination for President, and Ms. Horsman is considering the nomination for VP. Ms. Munoz also highlighted that 25 out of 33 distinct chair roles have been filled, with 8 still open. She emphasized the need for volunteers for the open roles, including the book fair, classroom parties, field day, fun fest, and the ice cream social. Ms. Langer expressed gratitude for Blythe's efforts and encouraged others to participate in home and school activities to ensure the continuation of the programs. Ms. Munoz will continue recruiting volunteers for open chair positions, especially for Book Fair, Classroom Parties, and Ice Cream Social.

Ms. Tonon updated on the status of the Yearbook, encouraging members to submit photos and content. She also mentioned the need for a deadline for Spirit Wear. Lastly, the team discussed the Gaga Ball, a new activity proposed by Ms. Diederich.

Ms. Langer discusses the possibility of installing a Gaga ball court at Maplebrook, with an estimated cost of \$7,000, pending district approval and community vote. She thanks Ms. Diederich for her research on the topic.

Upcoming events include co-venture nights, a cookie dough fundraiser, and a volunteer appreciation event on April 23rd. Ms. Langer mentions that the next home and school meeting will be on April 17th and expresses a desire to have the last few meetings in person. She also

discusses the talent show moving to a Zoom format due to volunteer shortages and emphasizes the importance of community participation in events and fundraisers. It was noted that the Home and School Board will determine how to continue the talent show tradition, given Mr. Mulvey's current role in editing and producing it. Ms. McKinnon provides an update on school supply ordering for Maplebrook and Lincoln students.

Ms. Langer discussed the upcoming changes in the executive board, highlighting the skills and personalities of the new members. She emphasized the importance of knowledge transfer and adapting to new ideas while maintaining the program's core values. It was noted that Home and School Board will vote on the proposed slate for the General Home and School Executive Committee in the April meeting. Ms. Langer also acknowledged the efforts of the current executive board and expressed gratitude for the support of the parents. The conversation ended with a discussion about the 5th grade family night at Lincoln, with the date confirmed as April 16th.

#### **Vice-President's Report (Jeannie Gentile)**

None.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Yulia Levadnaya )**

Ms. Levadnaya presented the treasurer's report noting the beginning balance for March as \$31,490.39 and the ending balance as \$28,027.29, with major expenses including the \$3,375 payment for Skatetime School. The treasurer reports and reconciliation reports were saved in the Home and School Treasurer Report folder. Motion to approve March report was made by Ms. McKinnon and seconded by Ms. Tonon.

#### **Committee Updates**

Noted with the President's Report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sheehan and seconded by Ms. Mckinnon. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 8:00 P.M. Central Time.