

Maplebrook Home & School

General Meeting Minutes of Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:00 PM C.T. Via Zoom.

Present

1. Jillian Langer
2. Principal Ordaz
3. Amy Irvin
4. Elizabeth Evers
5. Chad Evers
6. Emily Tonon
7. Jena Mckinnon
8. Mallory Mcdermott
9. Nadia Sheehan
10. Denisse Mullally
11. Abigail Priest
12. Adam Fishbein
13. Yulia Levadnaya
14. Lin Xiong
15. Brian Sheehan

Welcome

The meeting was called to order and began at 7:05 P.M. Central Time.

Minute Approvals

The October 2024 minutes were approved by an initial motion by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Mckinnon.

President's Report (Jillian Langer)

Ms. Langer presented the President's report noting that there would be no meeting in December and that the next meeting would be in January of 2025. Ms. Langer expressed gratitude to Susan Oppenheimer and Courtney Vaccaro for their successful organization of the fall parties. Upcoming events were discussed, including a meeting on January 23rd and an adult social event in February. Ms. Langer also announced the need for new chairs for the following year, particularly for the home and school president role and additional treasurer positions. The idea of having two treasurers was proposed to share the workload, with the possibility of reverting to one treasurer at the end of the year. In the meeting, Ms. Langer introduced two new members, Ms. Levadnaya and Mr. Fishbein, who have children in 5th and 1st grade, and Kindergarten and 2nd grade respectively. Both Ms. Levadnaya and Mr. Fishbein expressed their interest in

contributing to the community and their background in accounting. The incoming treasurers were approved by an initial motion by Ms. McKinnon, seconded by Ms. Sheehan.

The meeting focused on updates and decisions related to the Home and School funds. The Gift Card and Teacher Wish List chairs, Ms. Sheehan and Ms. Evers provided updates on their respective initiatives. The staff wish list items were voted on by an initial motion by Ms. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Evers, with a total of \$3,382 allocated. Ms. Langer also discussed the successful Fall Fest party and the upcoming 50th celebration, with Mr. Mulvey representing Home and School on the planning committee. The Veterans Day Assembly was highlighted as a successful event, with suggestions made to record and share it with families in the future. Ms. Langer expressed appreciation for the Veterans Day celebration and suggested sharing the experience with the wider school community. In the meeting, Maplebrook discussed the ongoing planning for the adult social event, with Fletcher Rockwell confirmed as the band and various venues being considered. The Family Connection initiative was also updated, with a fundraiser, welcome baskets for new families, and a family mentorship program in the works. The Co. Venture day at Kindred Gastropub was announced for November 19th, with a 20% sales return to Maplebrook. Ms. Langer also expressed disappointment with Chick-fil-a's lack of cooperation for a Co. Venture event.

Principal's Report (Principal Ordaz)

Principal Ordaz discussed the upcoming 50th celebration of Maplebrook. The event, scheduled for April 10th, will be an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, with refreshments, decorations, and a DJ. The budget for the event is \$1,500, which will cover all expenses. The budget for the 50th celebration was approved by an initial motion by Ms. McKinnon, seconded by Ms. Sheehan. Principal Ordaz clarified that the spiritwear, including t-shirts and sweatshirts, is not a fundraiser and is not meant to recover funds. The spiritwear window closes on November 20th. Principal Ordaz discussed the importance of reminding families about cold weather safety tips and the need for appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. She also emphasized the importance of digital literacy during the holidays, urging families to ensure that children are not accessing inappropriate content on their devices.

Vice-President's Report (Jeannie Gentile)

None.

Treasurer's Report (Lin Xiong)

Ms. Xiong presented the treasurer's report noting the beginning balance for October as \$41,646.71 and the ending balance as \$36,546.19, with major expenses including the Dairy Queen invoices and the first installment for the field trip. The treasurer reports and reconciliation reports were saved in the Home and School Treasurer Report folder.

Committee Updates

Noted with the President's Report.

Upcoming Events

- ★ November 19th - Co-Ventures with Kindred Gastropub (20% back)
- ★ November 27-29th - Thanksgiving Break
- ★ December 20th - Winter Party
- ★ December 23rd - January 6th - Winter Break

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sheehan and seconded by Ms. Tonon. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 7:36 P.M. Central Time.