



## **PTA Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

### **Welcome**

- President, Karen Leiser, started the meeting at approximately 6:30. She announced that the next PTA meeting December 9, 2020 @ 7:30
- Karen introduced the Executive Board's recommendation for a new VP of Programs, David Jiang and opened up a vote to appoint her.
  - Motion – Roopal Saran 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jessica Davis
  - Vote – Unanimous among PTA members by Webex Poll
  - Approved David Jiang as VP of Programs
- Karen announced that there were a number of additional remaining vacancies for the Board: President-Elect, Parent Programs Coordinator, Committee Openings - How To Thrive At LMS, 8th Grade Party, Business Partnerships

### **Secretary's Report**

- Secretary, Somer Cross, asked for questions or comments about the meeting Minutes from September 16, 2020. Hearing none, she called for a vote.
  - Motion – Lavina Colarco Second – Rindu Palakshappa
  - Vote – Majority among PTA members by Webex Poll
  - Approved Septebmer 2020 PTA mintes
- Somer also explained that due to the unusual circumstances of this year, the PTA will make the on-line directory now open to everyone.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer, Kerri Lineweaver, gave a budget update. The Excellence Campaign and membership funds are behind budget. Wihtout those funds, cuts will need to be made.

### **VP Fundraising**

- VP of Fundraising, Shelly Breslin, asked everyone to support the Excellence Campaign and to join the PTA.
- Though there were reported problems with the service, the Chipotle fundraiser was a huge success, bringing in over \$1100.00

- Another restaurant night will be coming up. That one will be Dominoes which can be used for either lunch or dinner.

### **VP Programs**

- Reflections – Committee member Amanda Abraham gave an update on the Reflections winners. The theme this year was "I Matter Because" and the participants had to express this theme through their chosen artistic interpretation. LMS teachers served as volunteer judges as did professional artists, a dance student at William and Mary, a former off-Broadway dancer, an author, and a professional photographer. Awards for all participants can be picked up at the Main office starting October 30, 2020.
- The 2020 LMS winners were:
  - Dance: Winner - Sicila Oliver and Runner up - Michelle Lui
  - Literature: Winner - Michelle Lui and Runner Up - Amiti Ganguly
  - Visual Arts: Winner - Emily Tang and Runner Up - Serene Hadid
  - Music: Winner - Lucas Kreitlow
  - Photography: Winner - Sophia Park and Runner up - Brook Howard

### **VP Communications**

- News You Choose for Newsletters- Check your spam/promotions box if not receiving them.
- VP of Communications, April Wade, explained that there are opening on the grants committee if someone would like to volunteer.

### **Conclusion**

President Leiser concluded the meeting mentioning some upcoming events:

- Upcoming Event - Speaker - Ann Dolin - Nov. 4
- Hospitality - Box lunches for teachers on Nov. 9
- New Parent Coffee - Nov. 10

The meeting concluded approximately 7:04 on motion by Lavina Colarco, Second by Houelda Saad. The meeting was followed by guest speakers Dr. Jim Patrick, Principal and Elaine Tholen, School Board Representative