

MIT General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2024 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Library/Zoom

Meeting led by Anne Clement, Parent Chair. Notes taken by Robin Young

Attendees: Lindsay Bruce, Vice Chair; Remy Guitierrez, Treasurer; Jessica Hadreas, Vice Treasurer; Shelsea R, Teacher Chair

June Minutes Approved

Board Introductions

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Principal Update- Dr. Castilleja

Exciting start to the year! Thank you for all the help with weeding and taking care of the grounds before school started.

- Staffing update: Able to get an extra .6 FTE after the official counts which added 3 classes for MS (math, science, language arts). Still trying to fill a .2FTE Science Position – difficult timing. Trying to add in some elementary music. Dr. C is teaching classes including a half hour of PE for kindergarten. Trying to get FTE re-allocated by the district to get us to .4FTE open position.
- Questions:
 - Anything parents can do to help? No, not yet. District knows they need to give back .2FTE and are working on it.
 - Is there a plan to introduce new teachers to the community? Yes, there are lots of new teachers. Email went out back at the beginning, will send out an update with introductions.
 - Are there messages we should help convey to School Board/Legislature? Our biggest issue is the antiquated way of calculating FTE based on teacher to student ratios – it doesn't work. Funding formula has been used since the 70s. Talk to them about how we generate

the formula and also fully funding special education. Fully fund the whole education system.

- SBA Scores have dropped 5-8 points over the last few years and aren't where they should be. Look up scores at Washington State Dept Of Education Report. Going to hear more about SBA Scores this year – focus for the District.
- Question – parents can choose to opt out of testing, which results in a zero score. Approx 95% take it.
- [2024/2025 Budget](#)- Remy Guterrez Treasurer/Anne Clement MIT Parent Chair
 - MKF \$65 (MIT covering \$10K)
 - Questions from parents - none
 - **Budget APPROVED**
- Non Recurring Expenses
 - [Grant Program](#)- Beth Jester
 - Ask: \$15K to fund small grants up to \$2500 each
 - Community members can submit applications/proposals 3x yearly
 - Based off program from previous years
 - Open to students, care givers, staff
 - Questions:
 - Will scoring and eligibility information be shared out? Yes, included in application. High level – amount, how reasonable is the timeline, how much will it benefit the overall Madrona community. Grant readers – Caregivers from each level, staff, student
 - How can we encourage people to write grants? YES – we will add something to the application.
 - Does it have to be school wide impact? No, it can be for just a smaller group/subset.
 - If this program was in place previously, why did it stop? Budget changed and COVID caused some disruptions.
 - What about groups that aren't fully grown – like Garden Club? Could bring to a MIT General Meeting or apply for a grant.
 - **Grant Program - Approved**
 - [Salmon Tank](#)- Anne Clement
 - Asking for \$700 to purchase parts for Salmon Tank
 - Tank would be located in the entrance of the school starting in December
 - Tank would belong to the intermediate centers to use every other year
 - Salmon will be released locally
 - Will also benefit K-3
 - Questions:
 - What's the upkeep/long term cost? No long term cost for MIT, Intermediate Centers are going to take out of Classroom funds in future years. Sound Salmon Solutions will help provide maintenance, cleaning.
 - Is there storage? Yes, we have storage available
 - **Salmon Tank – Approved**

- Updated Scholarship Information/[Form](#)
 - Previously MIT covered supply fee and fields trips but we have learned that the school is supposed to provide.
 - We have made some changes:
 - If you have free/reduced lunch: Bear Scare, One Enrichment class per year, One Year book and pen
 - If you just need some extra help: will also cover supply feeds and field trip feeds
 - Questions:
 - A kid went to state for Orchestra which had a \$200 fee and it was in Yakima, would that be covered here? We will take a look and get back on this
 - Could MCT be included in that? They have their own fund for scholarships. It's on the form and covered in the parent meeting.
 - Comment – you can apply for Free/Reduced Time at any time and it's based on what your family is making at that time

New Business

- **Vice Chair** - Lindsay
 - [Calendars and where to find them](#)
 - Volunteer Reminders
 - ALL Volunteers must complete the ESD Safe Visitor Solutions Background Check before you can volunteer for any school event
 - Badge photo still needed? Picture Day, October 3rd
 - Team Introductions
- **Team Updates**
 - BearScare- Chris Cavanaugh
 - Bear Scare – October 25th 6-8pm
 - Needs:
 - Donations – candy, small toys, cupcakes, prizes
 - VOLUNTEERS – look for signup genius
 - In search of some Leads for –
 - Parking
 - Clean-up/Shut-down
 - Donations
 - Security
 - Tattoos
 - Madrona Kids Fund Volunteers Overview and Team Leader Introduction - Anne Clement
 - Our only/big fundraiser for the year
 - Have new Team Leads – Cheryl and Faye
 - Need VOLUNTEERS

- Garden Club Lead/Co-Lead- Anne Clement
 - Looking for a co-lead to help Melissa
 - Changed to 2 big projects this year, getting flower beds cleaned up and working with classes to plant/maintain
- [Enrichment Team](#)- Gina Gale
 - Classes require 1 parent volunteer for each class
 - Registration closes 1 week before classes start
 - Looking for new volunteers, Team Leads will be graduating out of Madrona in the next couple of years
- [Special Education PTO](#)- Tricia Downey
 - Support MIT in goal to support ALL students at Madrona
 - Be a resource for families at Madrona
 - Listening ear
 - Answer questions
 - Direct families to the right person
 - Help make connections to other district/out of district resources
 - Edmonds Special Ed PTSA is starting – first meeting is Oct 15th
- Band/Orchestra/Music Boosters- Jeanette Green
 - Tabled to next meeting

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Upcoming Dates:

Diamond Knot Parent Social After General Meeting
 September 23rd-27th Deaf Awareness Week
 September 29th Final day to enroll in Enrichment
 October 3rd Picture Day
 Oct 9th General Meeting
 Oct 11th Madrona Vineyard
 October 13th - Garden - Fill the trough
 Oct 18th **NO SCHOOL**- Staff Professional Day
 Oct 21-25 **Early Release for Parent/Teacher Conferences**
 October 22nd - Conference Week Teacher Dinner
 Oct 25th Bear Scare