

MCS PTO

August 26, 2019

An important update from your acting MCS PTO!

Last year, the MCS PTA communicated that at the start of this 2019-2020 school year, we would move away from being a PTA and we would organize as a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). A small group of parents and teachers have come together, with the support of Ms. Kim, to make this transition possible. For the most part, you won't see much of a difference at all in how our group operates and what we do for the school. We will still focus on supporting our children, parents, teachers, and faculty and sponsoring a variety of school-wide programs and events that help build our school's sense of community.

The biggest benefit of organizing as a PTO is that we will keep 100% of our dues right here at MCS! You might not be aware, but much of the dues we collected in past years had to go directly to the National PTA; however, MCS did not use or need much of the virtual programs and benefits that the National PTA offered. In other words, it just wasn't worth the fees. We know we can do just as well as we have been doing (or even better) as a PTO!

Our Purpose:

The core purpose of our PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at MCS, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at MCS through volunteer and financial support. Some examples of how the PTO will support our MCS community this school year include:

- School and classroom supplies and education programs
- Parent support and education programs
- School-wide events, like the Back-to-School Picnic, annual Talent Show, and more
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Graduation

General PTO Meetings: Our first general meeting was held at the Back to-School Picnic on August 24th. While there, we provided information about the MCS PTO and we voted and passed the 2019-2020 MCS PTO budget. Additional general meetings will be held several times throughout the school year, typically at school-wide events.

Dues. 2019-2020 PTO dues are \$25 for a family membership and \$15 for an individual membership (teachers).

Get involved. Please let us know if you are interested in being on the PTO Executive Board, chairing or joining an event committee, or simply sharing ideas and feedback for how we can continue to partner to make MCS the best school it can be! At the beginning of October, we intend to take and vote on nominations for open PTO Executive Board positions. We will be accepting nominations over the coming weeks. Please watch for a school-wide email. PTO Executive Board meetings will be held monthly.

Thank you for your continued support to our school! Please let us know what questions you have. Soon, key MCS PTO resources will be posted on the MCS website.

Sincerely,



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