



Monthly PTO Meeting

Thursday 10 October 2024- 8:45am

Minutes:

1. Update from Fiona Arnoult

- a. Field trips have started for this school year and a number will take place over the next few weeks
- b. MAP testing is ongoing (8-18 October).
- c. Settling in reports will be issued on PowerSchool on Tuesday 22 October.
- d. Mr. Beardmore's letter will accompany the reports, and a link to sign up for the Parent-Teacher Conferences will be shared (Tuesdays 19 & 26 November 4-7pm).
- e. Student Assembly on Tuesday 8 October discussed Lockdown drill and Safeguarding procedures to ensure students were clear about these.

2. Service link update from Spring Streetman

- a. Sarah Walker has been appointed as the new service link
- b. The School is organizing a *Maisons* tee shirt swap project over the next week. It is an opportunity for parents to swap tee shirts as well as buy the new updated tshirt with the new logo.
- c. The RSHM Leadership trip led by Ms. Spring and Ms. Levain was held from 2-4 October at Marymount Rome and included the Marymount London and Rome schools.

3. PTO Budget

- a. Please refer to the PTO Presentation slides for detailed information.
- b. The budget is marginally lower to the budget for the 23-24 school year.
- c. Budget permitting, in the 2025 Spring, the PTO will propose to donate towards to the school's projects identified in the Strategic Plan

4. Halloween

- a. Sign-up volunteering opportunities sent out 3 weeks ago, including chaperone roles made available this year, but parents may still contact Ms. Didenko if they wish to volunteer for this event.
- b. There will be 16 tables set up
- c. Decoration in the Gym will go up on Tuesday 22 October 9am-5pm
- d. Event: Wednesday 23 October:
 - i. Candies have been checked by Nurse Jayka for allergies and all the candy excludes milk and pork.
 - ii. Distribution reminder: Each student should receive 2 or 3 maximum per table.
 - iii. Costumes: Students should come to school dressed up (no scary costumes or weapons please) and parent volunteers are welcome to dress up or have Halloween accessories/ hats
 - iv. Security- All parents must please sign it at reception.
 - v. Parents are asked to help tidying up after the event.
 - vi. Photos: one dedicated spot for students and teachers to have their group pictures taken. One parent volunteer will be in charge.
 - vii. *Paintings from the Heart*- can be made by the family or individual students in A3, A4 or 50:50 format. These can be dropped off to Mrs. Didenko at drop off or pick up from

Monday 14th October onwards. These will then be laminated and exhibited, as well as those donated in 2023.

5. Global Network of RSHM Schools- Strategic Plan Survey

- a. An information letter will be sent out to the parent community tomorrow, requesting for all to complete a 4 question survey.
- b. The Strategic Plan began last year with surveys shared with parents, students, teachers and non teaching staff. Results from these surveys will be used as well as our CIS accreditation information to create the school's new Strategic Plan for the next 3 years.
- c. As part of a 20 schools global network, this is a strategic planning process for the entire Global Network of RSHM Schools
- d. The School would like to ask parents to please complete the survey and relay the message via the Homeroom Parents to share accordingly to ensure a full breadth of feedback has been received from the community.
- e. Once approved by the Board of Trustees, the Marymount Paris Strategic Plan will be shared with the PTO Board in November for feedback and officially launched before Christmas.

Announcements:

f. Reminders:

i. On Saturday 12 October Marymount will host a Volleyball tournament with other local and French schools participating, such as EJM, Ermitage and Sainte Marie de Neuilly. Volunteers are welcome as well as parents would like to cheer the FALCONS team on.

ii. A couple of spots available for the AI camp organized during the Toussaint break (Grades 5-8 students). For additional information, please contact [Ms. Ingrid Kay](#).

- g. Mid November- Sarah Thomas will lead an Assembly on the World Summit Nobel Laureates, to share service activities obtained in Mexico recently at their Annual Summit with Eoghan Beardmore. Lesson plans will be prepared for students based on information shared with teachers, so that they can use resources in social studies, ethics or religion classes.

h. Lunchroom:

- i. Thanks to the PTO Board for working on some areas of concerns in the lunchroom. The Management had a constructive and problem solving conversation and over the next few weeks, the PTO Board has been invited to come to the Lunchroom if they'd like to look at the canteen distribution as well as the variety of the food served.
- ii. With teachers now present in the lunchroom to oversee student behavior, the distribution is smoother.
- iii. Marc Baranger- has a weekly meeting with all canteen team, to ensure the smooth distribution and quality of the food.
- iv. The Senior Leadership Team is closely monitoring the quality, distribution, and supervision.
- v. Parents may soon download the Sodexo App to access lunch information.
- vi. An update will be shared by Sarah Thomas after the Toussaint break

i. "Bailhamos"- Monday 14 October

- i. Sissi Arellano is organizing an evening in honor of Hispanic Heritage, at Marymount, on Monday 14th October from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Sissi directly.