



## Monthly PTO Meeting

Thursday 12 December 2024- 8:45am

### Minutes:

#### 1. Update from Fiona Arnoult

- a. Ongoing School Christmas rehearsals are taking place over the next week.
- b. Homeroom parents are organizing various Christmas parties.
- c. Various student-made items will be available for sale on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of December, including Grade 4 greeting cards (for all occasions), magnets made by the four houses during Innovation Month, clay ornaments made in Art, and badges.
- d. Parents are encouraged to bring coins to facilitate payment, and all proceeds will go to the RSHM mission in Zimbabwe.
- e. Grade 3 is working on UNICEF dolls.
- f. Grade 8 Field Trip today to the *Musée Carnavalet*.
- g. There will be a small performance from the ASA Ensemble at the carol singing on Thursday, 19th December.

#### 2. PTO Budget Update

- a. Please consult the Presentation slide for details.

#### 3. Screenagers discussion

- a. [Screenagers](#) is a documentary on the impact of screens on young people and their development.
- b. Two Thursday evenings in March could be scheduled: one for the Elementary School and the other for the Secondary School.
- c. Following the 1-hour movie, a pizza evening will be held in the Lunchroom, providing an opportunity for families to discuss shared questions and insights.
- d. A contribution fee per participant will be suggested to cover the cost of the screening, supervision for Marymount children not attending the movie, pizzas, and security.

#### 4. International week and Diversity month

- a. Falling during Diversity Month in 2025, it will be held the week of 3rd February and will include the following events:
  - i. Monday, 3rd February (AM): Parade kicking off the event
  - ii. Various events throughout the week
  - iii. Wednesday, 5th February: A musical event to be added, possibly, but details are to be finalized
  - iv. Friday, 7th February (PM): International Goûter
- b. A SignUpGenius will be sent by the PTO via the HR WhatsApp groups.
- c. Student leaders will organize activities in the Small Gym for the younger students.

##### Diversity Month

The school will welcome Mr. Thiago de Mello, a Philosophy teacher at Marymount Rio and a poet, for the week of 21st January. He will lead professional development sessions with teachers as well as poetry workshops with students throughout that week.

## 5. AOB

- a. The PTO is organizing a collection of meals for the Sisters to have over the Christmas break:
- b. Volunteering members are invited to donate frozen meals such as casseroles, soups/lasagna, etc., so that the RSHM may have them over the holidays and be alleviated from cooking. Vegetarian options are also appreciated.
- c. Other non-perishable options include biscuits, boxed teas (e.g., English Breakfast), and cookies.
- d. The deadline to contribute is Thursday, 19th December.
- e. If you are interested in participating, please contact t [Sarah Larin](#) or [Sherretha Pasqualino](#).