

MIMS PTO General Meeting

November 13, 2020

12 noon via Zoom

Minutes

[October meeting minutes](#)

President's Update & Welcome

- Look on website at mimspto.org for as much as possible - it's updated at least weekly and the calendar is updated regularly - do this for help before you connect with admin or teachers; then try other parents; then use the list of specific admin contacts - this will make your experience smoother and faster
- Please try to keep being good to each other without judging

Admin Update

- Presumed positive - MIMS follows the process determined by HISD, including notifying the nurse; she reaches out to get facts including who has been near the person on campus and what areas may need extra cleaning. Nurse follows protocol to reach out to parents, etc. Quarantine for 10-14 days. Ying handles public communication based on the case and HISD process.
 - 1st case negative test result
 - 2nd case results to come
 - Thanks especially to cleaning team, especially Doucet and Lupe, for their work with extra cleaning, fogger, and then sending cleaning reports to district
- Facilities updates
 - Had a bee issue - taken care of by removing the hive
 - Ordering more social distancing stickers for outside
 - Confucius Institute buying MIMS more classroom computers
 - Removing a dead tree near PK/K playground and St George place
 - Drive in movies: trying to support for next movie night!
 - Staffing - have a possible candidate for one of the roles
 - Dyslexia and reading interventionist = Mr Timothy Beach; he's working on schedule and will also work on classes for reading intervention
 - Ms Jackson = 3rd grade ELA
 - Today, Nov. 13 last day for selection virtual vs in person for 3rd 6 weeks - so far the changes are manageable and changes are going both ways
 - SDMC last week:

- Working to revise MIMS Mission statement - wanting to expand
- Updated SIP goals - although we didn't have as much data as usual because of Covid
- Lots of testing this week - Ritsema is working on logistics for this
- Academic bootcamp during breaks - looking at Ren360 data to determine who needs tutoring help; will be virtual and depends on tutor availability and need
- Ren360: it's very important for parents not to help students with the testing so that teachers get a clear picture
- Coffee with Chung recordings will be posted to YouTube channel - it will be recurring and you can access via the MIMS school calendar every 2nd Wednesday at 9 am
- 5th grade magnet event, Thurs at 4:30 for middle school recruiting to learn about the program, enrichment, Mandarin, scheduling
- Q & A: NJHS - want a timeline, especially for 8th graders; accepted but not inducted; aiming for induction in spring; will talk to Simmons

CNY plans

- Committee meeting set for Friday - invitation is on the MIMS PTO calendar - please come to join the committee. If you need info or want to join, please send email to festivals@mimspto.org
- Event Feb. 20
- Looking at online events and showing performances online and as a "movie night"

Movie Nights & Spirit Nights

- Thanks for supporting efforts so far
- We've got ongoing spirit nights monthly with Dream Dinners and one coming this week with LemonGrass
- Please keep an eye on the MIMS PTO website and calendar for monthly Roll & Go Spirit Nights
- We're looking at improving movie nights with bigger screens, a double feature with movies for both younger and older kids, and the possibility of food trucks
- Watch Fb and the PTO site for dates and details

Minted

- Use the code FUNDRAISEMIMS at minted.com to buy cards at 20% discount and earn 15% for MIMS
- [Minted - on the website](#)

UIL

- Completed first meet - not many competed but also a tech learning curve

- Dec 12 is the next meet
- Nov 16 meeting at 6:30 via Zoom
- MIMS is one of only 3 schools that UIL is parent-run - thanks to our coaches and looking for more of those
- UIL is virtual right now and they'll discuss and let us know about spring; if it does go to in person in spring it will be at Carnegie
- Contact uil-es@mimspto.org for questions

Yearbook

- We will do a yearbook - Mr Gonzalez is running the creation with a team of students; looking for a committee to help do the business side and sell books and ads

Spark Park

- Beth Jenkins and student team
- \$500k total estimated budget for 2nd phase, Phase 2 is focused on middle school; will need fundraising help and ideas - suggest things like a tile wall, bench, path
- Projects include a pavilion, obstacle course, and exercise equipment
- Students from troop 21140 are working toward their silver awards with projects for the Spark Park with 4 projects: Gaga pit, soccer 50 yard dash, furnishings
- Winston: Gaga pit (\$3500, #7 on map) and water bottle filler (\$3k, #9 on map)
- Abigail - 50 yard dash painted with cones in bus lanes (\$3400, #10 on map)
- Clarissa - bench and picnic table near Yorktown, game box for lending, ping pong table, game table
- Katelyn - Soccer field (\$25k, #3 on map) requires grading, sod, goal, and net
- Workout equipment and 13+ obstacle course, want to make accessible for all MS, so 5-12 obstacle course
- Benches under the tree are there already from Confucius Inst
- \$30k remaining in Spark Park budget and we're doing what we can with funds we have

Calendar & What's upcoming

Reminder: You can subscribe to the calendar!

1. [Deadline to choose in-person or virtual](#) for 3rd six weeks - November 13
2. [MIMS Yard Sign](#) & Yearbook pick up - November 14, 1 - 3
3. Spirit Nights
 - [Lemongrass](#) through Sunday, Nov. 15
 - [Dream Dinners](#) - Monthly deadline to order is Sunday, Nov. 15
4. [UIL Information meeting](#) - November 16
5. 5th Grade Magnet Night - November 19
6. Thanksgiving holiday - November 23-27 (23&24 enrichment opportunities)

- SDMC - December 7
- Coffee with Chung - December 9
- Next PTO Meeting - December 11
- [UIL invitation](#) - December 12
- Movie Night - December

Links you need

- [Family directory: add your information](#)
- [Buy \(& sell\) in the MIMS Marketplace](#)
- [Volunteer](#) to support MIMS
- [Teach a class for MIMS U](#)