Monona Grove Nursery School
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2026

In attendance: Nicole Blattner (President), Leslie Brost (Facilities Coordinator), Haley Clark (Fundraising Coordinator), Jordan Skoda (Volunteer Coordinator), Lindsay Baer (Advertising Coordinator), Robin Smekal (Alumni Coordinator), Anika Lautenbach (Member-at-Large), Sara Brelie (Secretary), Jessica Murphy (Vice President), Sue Carr (School Director), Jodi Schmitt (Teacher), Dawn Van Horn (Teacher), Sara Firchow (Teacher), Rebekah Herman (Teacher)
Via Zoom: Sarah Osowski (Purchasing Coordinator), Danielle Ebert, Brooke Logan (Treasurer)

1. **Call to Order** - President Nicole Blattner called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. **Routine Business**
    a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Anika made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted, and Haley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. Director's Report
        i. Sue asked for feedback about having only new parents at the big parent meeting this year, and about the parent meeting in general
            1. Robin suggested only having Board Members who have an early parent meeting come to the early setup time, and having Board parents with the later parent meetings clean up.
            2. Coffee meet-ups went well overall
        ii. Sue made a chart linked in her report about upcoming board events and who is in charge
        iii. Summer meetups - the consensus was that these were popular and good for students who are new to the building in the fall
            1. Suggestion was made to alternate play rooms so kids can get to know both classrooms
        iv. Sue reported on Phase 2 totals, and how much was borrowed for the project.
        v. Feedback on parking lot event - maybe have it a little later in the morning for families whose kids get up later
        vi. Next One Roof event is coming up in October, and a logo is being created for the group.
    c. Financial Reports - Brooke reported that we are currently 21% through the fiscal year
        i. Everything looks good to Brooke when looking at the numbers overall.

ii. She has combined preschool, toddler time and lunch bunch income in the budget reports.
iii. The school took a draw on the loan. MGNS currently only has to pay interest each month, but Brooke is putting together some numbers to pay things back reasonably and in time for the August 2028 deadline. Ideally we pay things back as soon as possible.
iv. Sue added that some numbers in the budget look high right now - advertising is currently high because of the redesigned website, but it will work out as the year goes on because there won't be more lump payments.

d. Roundtable Check-in
   i. Nicole reported that she got a lot of positive feedback about the coffee meet-ups on the first day of school.
   ii. Leslie reported that someone is renting the playground for a birthday party this weekend as a trial run.
   iii. Haley reported that the butter braid fundraiser seems to be going well.
   iv. Lindsay reported that she posted about the Muskie event today and she will be printing fliers soon.
   v. Jessica reported that the donor wall is up!
   vi. Robin sent the first alumni newsletter. Several board members received it and had positive feedback. There is so far a 64% open rate. There was a feature to click to add school events to a calendar. 23 people have done that so far.
   vii. Anika suggested having a reminder email before the first week of lunch bunch next year so that everyone knows what to do.
   viii. Danielle reported that she is waiting to hopefully get Chocolate Shoppe numbers before submitting info for the October newsletter.

3. Items for Discussion

a. Meet, Greet, and Eat check-in - we do not currently have an Events Coordinator, so various Board Members are taking on roles for the Meet Greet and Eat
   i. Nicole will be at the event early and until 6:30
   ii. Sarah O offered to help.

b. Afternoon Enrichment updates
   i. The Exec Committee will continue to discuss logistics.
   ii. Nicole reported that we are leaning toward doing Mondays only to start, as a drop-off program, 2hr block with monthly themes
   iii. The executive team will meet to discuss budget, hoping to start in January
   iv. Enrichment would only be open to kids currently enrolled at MGNS, preschool age

c. Capital Campaign/Musky Lounge Event

i. The Musky event will be 10/18, 2-5pm. The capital campaign committee is looking for board members to assist.
ii. This event is mostly for adults. It will be at a bar with games and a raffle, and a shuffleboard tournament
    1. Volunteers are needed for running games, baking goods, being there. A sign-up sheet was passed around to Board members at the meeting.

4. **Items up for Vote** - none at this time

5. **Adjournment -** Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting. Lindsay seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. President Nicole Blattner adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.