

# MIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

October

October 16, 2020

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## President's Update & Welcome - Kelly

- Minimize the tech support you ask for from MIMS teachers and admin - start by asking other parents. If you need help from admin, try [asking the MIMS staff listed by Mr Ying for specific items](#)

## Admin update - Mr. Ying

- PPE has arrived, including masks, sanitizer, wipes - and will be replenished regularly by HISD based on the school's needs
- Plexiglass has been installed
- Staffing:
  - Having to find long term subs for 1st grade, 3rd grade (Warren retiring), and Ms Wei - do have applicants - just trying to find the right ones
  - Also have some ADA applications from teachers
  - Hired 4th-5th grade tutor - she's in background checks and teachers have plan on how to use her services - tutoring will be done virtually
- In Person updates
  - Doors open at 8:05; please don't drop students off unsupervised early
  - Dismissal begins at 3:45
  - ASP for before and after school is available - [sign up is available on the website](#)
  - Elementary students enter the front door; middle school students enter the dragon door
  - Walker permission form: [Walker Permission Form](#) If your child is a walker, please complete the attached walker permission form AND [use this hyperlink to](#)

[submit the permission form](#). Please note that you will need your child's student ID and must use a google account (or your child's HISD email account) to access the survey.

- We are running a yearbook survey - currently 77% say they would pay for a yearbook; please take the survey if you haven't already [Yearbook survey](#)

Parent Q: When will 3rd grade have sub? We don't know yet, but working on multiple paths to get one

Parent Q: MS A3 study hall? No, keeping the in person and virtual schedule the same

## Proposed Budget 20-21 - Jose

- Jose went over the budget for 20-21 - will be posted on the website
- Cautious budget - planning to break even at \$42k budget
- Key fundraising - Boosterthon, signs, CNY, Fun Run, Sociables/MIMS U
- Key expenses - Teacher support, library, teacher appreciation, Planners, supplies, graduation grant
- We do have additional cash in the bank to support any necessary additional items - board can vote on additional items outside of the planned budget

**Parent Q:** LivingTree isn't a budget item? Are we abandoning it? No, PTO has paid for it already this year. It would be up to next year's board to purchase for the next school year.

## Directory - Libby

- PTO is working on the directory - so far we have about 110 families who have signed up
- We hope to have it out by the end of the month
- Please sign up to be in the directory now using the join link:  
<http://mimspto.org/support-the-pto/join/>

## Signs - Libby

- We are continuing to sell the MIMS Yard signs for \$25. You can order online and we will have a delivery date on October 23 from 4-6 pm.
- This is one of our primary fundraisers for 2020
- Buy signs now: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/6C7SIC2FIQYTCBVSOLBTS33E>

## Fundraising - Kris & Shavaun

- Introducing MIMS U - Do you or someone you know have skills you can share? We are looking for parent, staff, and teacher volunteers to host online classes for our new MIMS U fundraiser. Cooking, gardening, sewing, mahjong, coding, building, yoga, winemaking are just a few ideas. Be creative! If you can do it, please teach it. Classes can last a single session or continue over multiple sessions. You

design your course. [Sign up form is available on the MIMS website](#) - please sign up to teach a class!

- MIMS Marketplace - we'll support your small business on our website and through other methods and you'll give us a percentage of sales. Contact [communityfundraising@mimspto.org](mailto:communityfundraising@mimspto.org) to participate and look for our first items on the MIMSPTO.org website and store soon.
- Spirit Nights are coming up - Lemongrass for a week in November and we'll be expanding our Dream Dinners
- Working on some fun family-friendly and socially distanced activities

Parent Q: What about corporations for matching? We do allow that although e can try to advertise that better on the site

## Communications update - Kelly

- LivingTree is still in process; will not require teachers to use it this year
- Until then, check the PTO website, read Mr Ying's emails

## Calendar & What's upcoming - Kelly

Date	Time	Location	Item
16-Oct			First Grading period ends
19-Oct			In-person instruction begins
16-Oct		5107 Bellaire Blvd #110 77401	Pick up your Roll n Go dinners at Dream Dinners
21-Oct			Teacher Service Day
23-Oct			Report card day
23 Oct	4-6 pm	MIMS	MIMS Yard Sign Pickup
9 Nov	6:30 PM	Zoom	PTO Board Meeting
13 Nov	12 noon	Zoom	PTO General Meeting

## Questions

Q: Coffee morning with Mr Ying - what if we missed?

A: It was recorded and should be posted on the MIMS YouTube. Will continue every second Wednesday.

Q: Data Night?

A: Data Nights will be back in 2020 - we are still planning it right now but will be in an upcoming Ying email - we have to collect the data, train and update the teachers, and then share with families

Q: 8th grade math in Mandarin?

A: Algebra will include Mandarin but not be taught entirely in Mandarin because of beginner track students

Q: Is the planner really necessary for all grades or could we save some money on younger grades?

A: We'll take that question back to the board for next year

Q: Is there a specific percentage of Mandarin required to be an immersion school?

A: At least 50% and we know MS isn't entirely there right now - consulting the district and will follow up in the November meeting

Q: SIP plan?

A: 1st version submitted to the district; it's on the agenda for the next SDMC meeting