

Maplebrook Home & School

General Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 15, 2026 7:00 PM Central Time - Zoom

Present

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| 1. Principal Ordaz | 9. Meghan Horsman |
| 2. Amy O'Shea | 10. Mallory McDermott |
| 3. Brenna Rock | 11. Nadia Sheehan |
| 4. Colleen O'Donnell | 12. Yulia Levadnaya |
| 5. Emily Tonon | 13. Denisse M. |
| 6. Jen Dotson | 14. Nicole Arient |
| 7. Jess Freed | 15. Blythe Munoz |
| 8. Kourtney Vaccaro | |

Welcome

The meeting was called to order and began at 7:04 PM Central Time.

Ms. Arient welcomed attendees to the meeting, expressing gratitude for their commitment and involvement in the community.

Principal's Report (Principal Ordaz)

Principal Ordaz presented her monthly report, which included:

- Midyear academics and social emotional growth
- How our school responds in these areas
- School focus regarding SEL
- Partnership with Families to support students with school

Principal Ordaz provided an update on mid-year academic and social-emotional progress, highlighting the importance of consistent attendance and strong communication between home and the school. She explained that teachers will use mid-year assessment data to adjust instruction as needed, with an emphasis on student growth rather than perfection. She also encouraged parents to support their children in developing executive functioning skills and perseverance to promote continued success.

Minute Approvals (Ms. Denisse)

The November 2025 minutes were approved by an initial motion by Ms. Horsman, seconded by Ms. Vaccaro.

President's Report (Ms. Arient)

Ms. Arient presented her report, which included:

- Appreciation for a wonderful 2025!
- D203 General H&S Meeting Updates
 - MAP Testing, Bylaws
- Wildcat Dance Updates

Ms. Arient opened her report by sharing key metrics from the Home and School team's social media outreach over the past six months. During that time, the team recorded 130,000 Facebook views, published 229 Facebook posts and 117 Instagram posts, and distributed 11 newsletters, each averaging approximately 11,000 views.

She also highlighted several successful initiatives, including staff recognition efforts, the Coffee Cart Fund, and the recent book fair, which raised over \$3,000. In addition, she noted that MAP testing is currently underway and that the February meeting will focus on proposed revisions to the bylaws.

Ms. Arient shared that Board President Mr. Kush invited anyone with ongoing questions to reach out to him directly; his contact information is included in the meeting slides. She also provided an update on the Wildcat Dance, which has gained 48 additional registrants since the last report, and expressed appreciation to the committee volunteers for their hard work. The discussion concluded with a reminder for families who have not yet registered for the dance to do so

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Levadnaya)

Ms. Levadnaya presented her report, which included:

- Review of the November 2025 and the December 2025 Treasurer Reports

Ms. Levadnaya shared that both reports are available in the community folder and are also linked within the presentation slides, along with additional supporting details. She is pleased to report that the budget remains on track, with no concerns identified at this time. The upcoming meeting will include an update.

A motion to approve the November 2025 and the December 2025 Treasurer Reports was made by Ms. Freed and seconded by Ms. Horsman.

Vice President 1's Report – Fundraising (Ms. Sheehan)

Ms. Sheehan presented her report, which included:

- Staff Gift Card Program Recap
- Adult Social (winter) - Feb 7th from 7-10pm

Ms. Sheehan shared results from the Staff Gift Card Program which included an update that 182 families contributed a total of \$15,335 towards the program. Ms. Sheehan thanked all the families who were able to participate and give generously. She also provided a brief update on the status of the Winter Adult Social event. Ms. Sheehan noted that there were plenty of ways to still get involved if you can't make it to the event which included highlights of the 50/50 raffle and contributions to the staff wish list items.

Vice President 2's Report - Culture (Ms. Hanson-Absent)

Ms. Denisse presented the VP-Culture report, which included:

- Classroom parties recap
- VP2 role open next year

Ms. Denisse shared several highlights and expressed her appreciation on behalf of the entire board to the many volunteers who helped make the Fall and Winter classroom parties a success. She also reminded volunteers to submit any outstanding reimbursement requests.

In addition, she announced that the VP2–Culture position will be open for the upcoming school year. She provided information on whom to contact for those interested and noted that there is an opportunity to partner with Ms. Hanson on events taking place during the remainder of the year to gain hands-on experience in the role.

Communications Report - Culture (Ms. Manfredo-Absent)

Ms. Arient presented the Communications report, which included:

- CoVentures:
 - Feedback & suggestions for Half Baked Goodness
 - Proceeds from Little Italian - \$486 proceeds from \$2,400+ in sales
 - Upcoming: Chipotle (Feb 3) & Wendy's (Feb 19).
- Hospitality
 - Thank you for donating to the Pieno Coffee Day!
 - Next event: PTC snacks (signup genius coming in Feb)
- Yearbook & Spiritwear Updates

Ms. Vaccaro opened the report with a brief update on the Co-Ventures initiatives, sharing participation figures from recent events and inviting feedback on opportunities for improvement.

Ms. Arient then thanked the community for its strong support of Pieno Coffee Day, noting that 50 families participated and contributed a total of \$855. As this was the first event of its kind, she also welcomed feedback from community and attendees. Both Ms. Arient and Ms. Vaccaro concluded by highlighting upcoming events and additional opportunities for families to get involved.

Ms. Tonon provided an update on yearbook orders and reminded families of the opportunity to submit photos for inclusion. She also shared that spirit wear will be available for purchase at the Open House on January 29, with Deb's Embroidery in attendance. Lastly, Ms. Horsman provided an update on the Spring Book fair.

Membership & Nominations Reports (Ms. Munoz)

Ms. Munoz presented her report, which included:

- Planning for next school year!

Ms. Munoz reviewed the upcoming process for confirming and gathering interest in Chair and Committee positions for the next school year. She explained that these roles are intended to be two-year terms. At the conclusion of each term, the Board will assess interest from the community in filling the position. If no new interest is expressed, the current member may continue serving in the role. She also noted that any open positions will be posted in the coming months.

Adjournment (Ms. Arient)

Ms. Arient concluded the meeting by highlighting several upcoming events, including MLK Day, the Wildcat Dance, Open House, CoVentures events, the Adult Social, and 2nd Grade Fine Arts Night. She reminded attendees that the next meeting will be held on February 19 via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Vaccaro and seconded by Ms. Rock. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 7:35 PM Central Time.