

Public Regular Meeting September 16th, 2025

Board Members

Michael Rainis, Chair
Angel Ledesma, Vice Chair
Gordon Guenther
Dr. Kris Dexter
Glen Summers
Brittney Ketterer
Faith Hemmerling Secretary

Director

Diana McFaul

OPENING ITEMS

Call to Order: Board Chair 6:03 P.M.

Devotion and Prayer

September 16, 2025, Faith Hemmerling October 21, 2025, Dr. Kris Dexter

Consent Agenda

A. Personnel

Resolution: Moved to accept the hiring of the following MLCA staff: Debbie Roeber and Steven Stevens. Moved to accept the resignation of Mikinzee Yoder.

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Board Administration - Next Board Meeting October 21, 2025

Angel Ledesma moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Glen Summers. Motion Passed

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yea: Michael Rainis, Angel Ledesma, Gordon Guenter, Glen Summers, Brittney

Ketterer, and Faith Hemmerling.

Nay: Dr. Kris Dexter (He had not read the minutes)

Recognition

•Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Tyler Tadema for providing excellent math instruction to our students. He is an amazing worship leader and has taken on a new responsibility this year as our on-site technology expert.

•Diana McFaul, MLCA Director, recognized Sara Leishman for her creativity in providing our students with the opportunity to explore the world of art. Sara also runs our after-school Cub Club.

Reports

Interim Director's Report - Diana McFaul

- •Diana shared that our new custodian, Steven Stevens, was previously a Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy: Police Officer and School Resource Officer. MLCA also just hired Juan Peralez, a counselor, to review all student transcripts to ensure every student is on target for graduation.
- •Diana addressed safety concerns:
 - -Drill Practices Scheduled Review of all security procedures
 - -Pre-School Parents' Badges
 - -Drive Line Numbers Parents walking up to the building to pick up their students are required to have their drive line pass to enter the building.
 - -Keys Paras check out exterior key in AM & check back in PM
 - -More keyless entries are on order funded by generous donors
 - -Elementary Bark added to play area Funded by a generous donor
 - -Elementary & Secretary Receptionists at desk priority
 - -New preschool play structure installed. Next preschool project Pour cement around some of the areas in the preschool play area, remove all gravel under the play structure & fill with bark.
- •We had a student raise funds for two new 9 Squares, installed for elementary & secondary, and a new Gaga Ball for secondary is coming soon funded by generous donations.
- •Another classroom of Chromebooks has been ordered funded by a generous donor.

Finance Report

•Stefanie Lowry gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting notes

September ASB Report - Hannah Pease and Meghan Paysee

- •Retreat Memories were made at the 2025 MLCA retreat! It was full of class bonding activities, spiritual growth, and relationship building. A BIG thank you to Hannah Pease for all of her hard work, preparing, planning, and organizing this year's retreat. Also, thank you to all of the staff and chaperones who drove and attended! I Retreat is an important event that starts the school year off with purpose and connection.
- Back-to-school night was full of excitement and spirit! Families went home with photos and enthusiasm for the new school year. Thank you to Katie Mills for helping with decorations! Teachers did a wonderful job welcoming their students and families. ASB students displayed great leadership skills.
- •Upcoming Events:
 - -Parents and Pastries
 - -Homecoming TBD
 - -First Buddy Chapel

Athletic Report - Josh Kast

- •Fall sports are now in full swing. Our Football team had its first home game on 9/5 and had a great win. Our new cheerleading team also made its debut and was amazing. The girls brought so much extra school spirit that was needed for our fans.
- •Volleyball is in season as well. They are doing a serve-a-thon fundraiser to help with athletic funds for the season.
- •Football will be starting a meat fundraiser for their season to help with season expenses.

- •Middle School girls' basketball has about nine girls participating this fall.
- •Josh asked the board to consider installing actual doors on the locker rooms that feed into the changing area. This would serve as an extra barrier for teachers, coaches, and officials. Josh will get a quote for the total cost of installation and parts.

Marketing Report - Janiel Koethke

- In addition to keeping up with regular social media posts, newsletter, and our weekly newspaper ad, Janiel reported that she has been working on formatting documents and posting updates on the website.
- •Janiel stated she is updating and planning out the Marketing Calendar for the upcoming school year.
- Janiel is working with the Athletic Director on the 2025-2026 Athletic Sponsorships. She helped prepare sports passes, banners for the Den, and other perks included in the sponsorship packages.
- Janiel helped the director prepare a handout for the Chairman's Donor Dinner.

Old Business

- •New chapel wear standards and purchase options were discussed.
- •Review of Driveline and security procedures
- •New playground structure installed for preschool, and new "bark" laid for elementary playground equipment

New Business

- •Michael Rainus shared that the 5-Year Plan will be communicated to staff and community by the end of this month.
- •The yearly MLCA Auction will be held on November 1st.

Public Comment Reading of Comment Guidelines

•There were public comments made concerning hiring a band teacher and a question about re-enrollment fees.

<u>Adjournment</u>

•Glen Summers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brittany Ketterer. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.