



Minutes – October 1st, 2025

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Welcome from Allyson O'Regan, PTO Chairperson

Update from Jeremy Thompson, Elementary School Principal

- First round of Iready and Amplify are in progress. School is trending for improvement in test grades.
- Kids are getting ahead in the areas they need extra help with.
- Q1 report cards going out soon.
- Kindergarten and First grade expecting a visit from the Lucia Riverbend Fire department
- Student government elections are taking place and organized by Cherry Renyolds. Leadership opportunities are available to students.
- Positive feedback from Book Fair and Movie Night. Looking forward to Raptor Run.

- Update from Dr. Jake Wilson, Middle/High School Principal
 - Working on AI training for staff. Including safety guidelines.
 - Jake and other leaders at MICS attended the ISTE conference on developing safe technology vendors. Working with Google Gemini - does not store any personal information.
 - Over last 2 years MS and HS have won over \$170K grants to further technology.
 - This is the second year MICS received a \$65K grant for afterschool programs and CTE.
 - Spectrum News was on campus to report on how our Middle School teachers are handling technical growth.
 - Middle School Athletics: New conference. Boys' soccer team finished the season with 7-0. Congratulations to the Middle School Cross Country, Volleyball and Football teams on their successful Fall season.
 - High School Athletics: New conference. Woman's Volleyball finished the season 14-0.
 - Recognized: DECA, Recycling Club, Debate Club and an investing club.
 - Sports Marketing Class is going well had 6 in person visitors and virtual guests.
 - PSAT taking place on 10/24. Note that it is also available to qualifying 10th graders.
 - AIG testing is done with 10th graders to qualify for dual enrollment.
 - AP classes and teachers have been added. Our AP scores have increased 26% over the last four years, which is higher than the national average.
 - We are working with the United Sports League. The league connects K-12 level peers with Special Olympics and other programs.



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Committee and Event Updates

- PTO K – 5 Movie Night - Jenny Curry
 - September 5th Went well. Biggest movie night in attendance. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and popcorn. Thank you to all volunteers. Thank you to Jeremiah's for being onsite.
- PTO Raptor Run - Ally O'Regan and Kristy Dunker
 - Shirts have been ordered! Hoping for a Tuesday afternoon delivery, but more likely that it will be Wednesday.
 - Business Sponsors as of today: 54
 - Thank you to Julie Haigler for partnering with me in creating original Raptor Run Shirt designs over the years. Next year I will turn the design creating over to the upper school art department.
 - DECA is helping to solicit sponsors and promote the event in the upper school building.
 - Be on the lookout for Raptor Run Day and Shirt Sorting Volunteer information.
 - Raptor Stadium: Full K-5 event as usual. Field 2: MS/HS event will now include the Full Running portion, bracelets, balloon arch start along with the Ninja Course.
 - MS/HS: surprise DJ's.
 - Excited about the elementary, middle and high school specific prizes.
 - This year's stunt for raising over \$135K will be a 150 ft drop by Mr. Byrum and Dr. Wilson.
 - October 10th. Half day.
 - Thank you to all volunteers.
- PTO Fall Festival – Marguerite Meader
 - October 24th from 5 – 8pm in the Raptor Stadium.
 - Aerial team and the MICS band will perform. Other school clubs will be there to sell items and represent their clubs.
 - Updated ticketing process with a QR code and GoFan.
 - Volunteers and donations needed. Volunteer sign up request will go out after the Raptor Run.
 - Set up will begin at noon and be completed by 4pm. Assistance needed for clean up after the event.



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- Haunted Hallways will occur at the same time. Keep an eye out for their ticket purchase link on Parent Square. Theme is Vampire Student Takeover.
- PTO Fall Book Fair - Karen McVickers
 - September 15th – 19th This was our highest earning book fair to date.
 - Because of this milestone, we were able to purchase around 10K in books. \$4500 went to the media center and the rest was split between the Elementary and Middle School teachers.
- PTO K-12 Staff Appreciation – Kristen Houser and Mary Ledford, update provided by Ally O'Regan
 - October 25th – Trail Mix Bar
- PTO Elementary School Room Parents – Karen McVickers, Lauren Love
 - Quarterly Birthday Celebration: Baked Potato and Salad Bar on October 8th. Thank you for all items donated by families.
- PTO Middle/High School Room Parents – Beth Butlak, Megan Goke
 - Quarterly Birthday Celebration: October 3rd. Thank you for all the items donated by families.
- PTO Spirit Nights – Robyn Steward, update provided by Ally O'Regan
 - November 15th, 2025 - Charlotte Hornets Game. Ticket includes early bird access, and 15 kids will randomly be selected to sit on the Hornets bench during warmups.
- PTO Everyday Fundraisers – Lisa Turner
 - No update
- PTO Treasurer – Nicole Swanson
 - No update
- Soar Foundation – Jenny Curry
 - Soar looking to get MICS clubs involved.
 - Soar participating in the first homecoming parade on October 17th. The dad's club is making the Soar float. Looking for volunteers to ride on the float.
 - Laura Vaughn handling sponsorships.

Update from Glenn Byrum, Executive Director

- Report Cards out soon.



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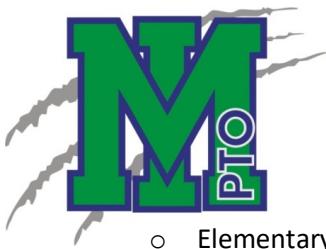
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- Elementary/Middle/High School teachers will be reaching out regarding parent teacher conferences.
- MICS hosting a board meeting for 140 Charter Schools.

- MICS grades stand out amongst the top charter schools in North Carolina.
- Working with the 'Raise the Bar' theme, school improvement plans are in the works.
- It's a great time to be a Raptor!

Adjourn



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