

Hillview Middle School
PTO General Board Meeting
10/25/2017

In attendance

Johanna Woll, Chris Sewell, Matthew Erickson, Julia Molise, Erik Burmeister, Caroline Bowers, Willy Haug, Ashley Wagstaff, Christy Tonsfeldt, Laura Paul, Gina Skinner, Jody Buckley, Julie Nelson, John Donald, Claire Burks

9:03

Motion to approve the minutes of the May general meeting approved by vote.

Ashley Wagstaff presents audits prepared by Sherwin Chen. He has completed two audits – one in September and one in February.

9:04

Motion to approve the audits granted by vote.

9:04

Treasurer's Report

Christie Tonsfeldt

For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2017, we raised \$11,577 more than we expected in membership and spent \$19,437 less than we expected and therefore we are approximately \$30,000 under budget.

We have a cash balance of \$118,00. Last spring we approved a proposed budget, and have adjusted for actual enrollment.

For the current fiscal year, as of today's date we have raised \$192,085 and are therefore above budget by \$85. We have spent \$61,000 to date.

9:06 – Motion to approve budget granted by vote.

9:07

MPAEF Report

Caroline Bowers

MPAEF Reports 36% participation as of a couple of days ago.

The Foundation presidents ask the PTO Board members to make donate or pledge. Don't forget to "Dine Out" this week.

Upcoming events of note include the "Wine Walk" in Downtown Menlo Park on 12/2.

9:10

Parliamentarian's Motion

Julie Nelson

Julie Nelson makes a motion to amend the bylaws to make 2 new board positions (After School Activities and After School Sports).

Amended language is below.

After School Activities Coordinator. The After School Activities Coordinator shall be a member of the Executive Board, shall administer after school programs such as After School Classes along with a volunteer team. The Coordinator will get approval for vendor requests to run new programs from PTO Co-Presidents, PTO Executive Board and/or Principal. The Coordinator will make sure vendors procure all paperwork with the district and the PTO, and will also work with the Assistant Principal to assign a location for each activity. The Coordinator will guide vendors on how to publicize/promote their activities on campus, in the newsletter and on the Hillview website, and prepare monthly reports when necessary to be presented at the PTO Executive Board meetings.

After School Sports Coordinator. The After School Sports Coordinator shall be a member of the Executive Board, shall administer After School Sports along with a volunteer team. The Coordinator will get approval for vendor requests to run new programs from PTO Co-Presidents, PTO Executive Board and/or Principal. The Coordinator will work with the Hillview Athletic Director to publish tryout dates and information about each sport in the newsletter and on the Hillview website, and prepare monthly reports when necessary to be presented at the PTO Executive Board meetings.

9:12

Motion to amend the language of the bylaws approved by vote.

The new language is attached hereto.

9:13

Principal's Report

Willy Haug

Willy reports that the overarching district goal is around "wellness." To that end, on 11/7 there will be a meeting about anxiety in our young people – there is a high degree of stress and anxiety in our young people.

The district is working with consultants including Julie Brody from "Mindful Schools" to address this issue. Katie Rippentraup (Lund) is also involved.

The goal is to provide the students with a toolkit for coping with anxiety. The first lesson will be about building community. The concept is to create "advisory like" groups of 17-20 students and they will meet consistently for these lessons.

Students will learn about mindfulness with a general definition and engage in a simple practice – a 3-minute mindful breathing exercise.

This will be similar to the character education program – and the teachers will have consistent curriculum surrounding these concepts.

9:25

Superintendent's Report

Erik Burmeister

Erik reports that on Monday, the founding director of the MPCSD Early Learning Center started her new job.

Jessica Mihaly is a 25 year veteran of early learning – she helped launch Geokids at SRI. The district wishes to start this program because research is very clear that one of the elements that leads to success is a quality early learning. It is much less costly for school districts to provide these programs because they already have the infrastructure in place.

The model would be 25% of the students would be offered scholarship. 75% of the students would pay tuition. This will not pull from the general fund. The director will be paid from a “one time” grant received from the state and then she'll be paid from the operation of the school.

The limitation will be space – there will be capacity for 48 students with spots granted by lottery. The goal will be to grow the program to meet the needs of the community. Space will be made available to children of staff who live outside the district.

This sparks a discussion of the drawing of district lines, and the history of the Tinsley program. Johanna Woll asks how we factor in development at Stanford, which sparks a discussion of the impact of certain developments planned for Menlo Park as well as the tax impacts of Stanford-owned projects.

Adjourn 10:11