Menlo Park District Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 4, 2018
Approved June 1, 2018

In attendance:
Janelle McCombs, Erik Burmeister, Jenny Buddin, Christa West, Ashley Wagstaff, Singari Seshadri, Carrie Chen, Ben Wang, Jill Vizas, Ken Scheible, Gina Skinner, Willy Haug, Amy Kuhns, Stacey Wueste, Kathy Orciuoli, Ken Wang, David Ackerman, Kristen Gracia, Terry Thygesen

The meeting was called to order at 8:50am by Janelle McCombs, District Council President.

Approval of March 2018 Meeting Minutes
Gina Skinner motioned to approve the March 2, 2018 minutes. Ashley Wagstaff seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report — Gina Skinner, District Council Treasurer

- At the June meeting we will have a budget to approve for next year
- Joint campaign has some balance left in their budget. We will use the remainder in the budget to reimburse Jody Buckley for campaign expenses. Expenses exceeding the budget to be reimbursed to her pending possible funds from the District.
- Insurance payment was due in May
- Awards expenses are at very end
- Joint campaign; Next year $250 for the schools and MPAEF; For the school year 2019-20 there will be a $4,000 one time charge for marketing expenses for the Community Campaign and the District will also contribute.
- This year schools, MPAEF, and The District should get checks for the Joint Campaign to the Treasurer in the spring not in the fall like previous years; Community Campaign Contributions will also be payable this school year.
- District Council dues next year will be $250 from the schools and MPAEF; $1000 from the schoolf for Programming.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2018/2019 School Year

There was a vote held on the proposed slate of officers for next year.
Before the vote a question was asked as to whether anyone else was asked to take the President role by the nominating committee or how they arrived at the decision to have someone from the same school continue. Answer: By-laws were researched and this was not found by nominating committee to violate by-laws.

District Council 2018/19 Proposed Slate Officers & Administrative Chairs President: Janelle McCombs
Secretary/Parliamentarian: Caroline Bowers
Treasurer: Karen Dobbyn
Auditor: Patty Lopez-Jaramillo
*Joint Campaign Coordinators: Kathy Orciuoli & Caryn Wasserstein
District Directory Coordinator: Ken Wang
Recognition Coordinator: Sara Teeple
Parent Ed Coordinator: Christa West, Vidya Kagan

Community News Coordinator: Corey Binns

Ben Wang moved to vote on the slate
Jenny Buddin seconded the motion
14 in favor 2 abstentions
Motion Passed

Speaker Series Update — Singari Seshadri, Parent Ed Coordinator

- Thanked group for support of program
- Board Member Terry Thygesen - thanked Chairs for doing valuable work for community
- Noted that series has gained recognition outside of school district parents with larger community attending events

Superintendent Update & Q&A — Erik Burmeister, MPCSD Superintendent

- Superintendent Burmeister gave thanks for the year.
- Noted that the stakeholders have decided to delay on rolling out of community campaign ; thanked principals and PTO Presidents for being supportive of initiative.
- His conversations with PTO Exec Boards have gone well; he will attend upcoming general membership meetings of the PTO.
- Calendars for next year for schools should be available the first week of June.

School Board Update — Terry Thygesen, MPCSD School Board President

- Asked that attendees make sure that everyone is reminded and aware of the fact that the district is engaged in a long-range planning exercise; goal is to define what we need to have programs we want and need and be in a financially stable position to offer and maintain them
- The District is currently deficit spending
- The District promised the community it would engage in this process when they went out for the last parcel tax measure
- The demographers used thought enrollment would be flat for the upcoming school year. The demographer reported that at Board meeting and the Almanac printed it, but kindergarten registration is up. This creates an additional challenge of communicating with the community.

MPAEF Update - Stacey Wueste, MPAEF Co-President

- The foundation blew their target fundraising goal out of the water at the Auction in March.
- Fundraising is on track for the year - more detailed update in June.
- The Run is Sunday May 20th; registration is looking good 1177 registered goal is 1350 last year 1288. They are looking for more volunteers at festival and as course monitors

School Updates
Superintendent Burmeister stated this month's theme:
Highlighting two things that your school is proud of or that you are excited to have accomplished

*Note that Encinal's administration was not present at the meeting because they were receiving California distinguished school awards in Anaheim.

Oak Knoll — Kristen Gracia, Principal

- Most proud of the fact that when trimester 2 closed they've already met 12 of their 17 site goals

- Are on tack to meet all reading goals for the year.
- In upper grades they have cohort goals - already at or above their goals for upper grades; look at advanced goals for upper grades; everything is look good on the academic side (that's just reading)
- Worked with teachers this year to implement goals to define what it means to be an Oak Knoll teacher; wrapped all staff meetings around goals; peer to peer goals with other teachers.
- Parents on survey were pleased with how the school is living up to goals. School implemented mixer event this year at Dutch Goose; way to connect that's not an at school event, which was requested by parents on survey.

Hillview — Willy Haug, Principal

- Hillview had a goal this year to focus on mindfulness; completed 4 lessons in SEL and put them in hands of all teachers. SEL curriculum was previously covered in PE. Hillview is proud of work its focus on the importance of SEL and how SEL tools can help students to improve academics.
- Tuesday as part of a pre-board meeting ceremony there will be a reclassification of students who are working on English proficiency Hillview has 12 students being reclassified. Testament to teachers and EL coordinators; Have exceeded their goal.
- Statistics show when students being HS and are redesignated their likelihood of graduating and going to college are higher.
- March 14 student action at Hillview - real testament to student leadership; only gave them some parameters; rallied around the idea that they had a responsibility to create something on their campus.
- Respectful and passionate about their views; ended with time on the quad with students speaking; evidence that the future is in great hands.

Encinal — Amy Kuhns, PTO President

- Recently held the annual science fair.
- School awarded a distinguished school award by the State for closing some of our achievement gap areas; additionally Encinal received an exemplary art and music award from the State.

Laurel —Kathy Oricuoli, PTO President

- STEAM fair last week 300 parent volunteers in campus; went really well - kids were excited
- Getting ready for awards ceremony
- Open House coming up
- Ben Wang, PTO VP - added Laurel hosted a conference for dual language immersion teachers from around the state; our District provides best in class dual immersion.

Adjournment -- Janelle McCombs adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

The final District Council Meeting for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 8:45am in TERC A&B.

New officers will be invited to connect with departing officers.

June snack: MPAEF