Menlo Park District Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:53am by Kate Kennedy, District Council President.

Approval of March 2017 Meeting Minutes — Jody Buckley motioned to approve the March minutes. Gina Skinner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report — Gina Skinner, District Council Treasurer

Total funds available as of April 7, 2017: $6,172.22

March activities included:

- Expenses from Speaker Series (UNsilence speaker expenses and payments for childcare)
- Expenses for filing of taxes and 1099's

Bylaws Update — Kate Kennedy

- Bylaws update has been postponed until May.
- Recruiting for next year's District Council is going well.

Superintendent/School Board Updates — Dr. Maurice Ghysels, MPCSD Superintendent
Dr. Ghysels spoke briefly about Early Learning Education (ELE), or preschool as it is more commonly called. The School Board is considering a possible future program which could serve MPCSD children ages 3-5. The Board will discuss key components of this proposed strategic structure on April 18 at their meeting. The Board is exploring a fee based structure, which would be at no additional costs to MPCSD.

Site & PTO Updates

Hillview — Jody Buckley, Hillview PTO Co-President

- Hillview Mini Courses are happening now.
- Some 8th graders are in Washington DC for a mini-course.
- Other mini courses were: Stir It Up, Str8 Shots, The Art of War, Amazing Race, Ocean Odyssey, Animation Exploration, Behind the Scenes Sports, and Picture This.

Oak Knoll — Jonathan Coldoff, Guest Assistant Principal

- Oak Knoll recently held their Science Fair. It was an amazing example of what students can do when given the materials and time. Kids had to present their projects for 20 minutes to parent volunteers.
- Getting ready for the first Family Engineering Night, to be held on April 26. It will be completely staffed by OK teachers so that parents can hang out with their kids. There will be approximately one dozen engineering projects, including rockets, parachutes, robotics, and Rube Goldberg Machines. The Rube Goldberg machines will be presented on KNOL, Oak Knoll School's in-school news station.

- Teachers and students are preparing for SBAC testing, which will begin on 4/27.
- Focusing on Technology, Oak Knoll is constantly trying to find small pilots for technology. One example is the SeeSaw app, which increases communication between teachers, specialists and parents, giving parents a look into what's going on inside the amazing programs at school.

Laurel — Kathy Orciuoli, Laurel PTO Co-Vice President

- Aladdin, their very first musical, just finished.
- STEAM Fair is coming up. It will take place in one day; on Laurel's upper campus in the morning, and lower campus in the afternoon.

Encinal — Claire Burks, Encinal PTO Co-President

- Outdoor Ed - Encinal 5th graders just got back and had fabulous weather!
- Third Grade Wax Museum was recently held
- Aladdin. The musical, was a big hit
- Encinal's Science Fair will be held on 4/28
- Encinal's Mother-Son dance will be held in early May

Joint Campaign Update — Jody Buckley, Joint Campaign Co-Coordinator

Planning for next year's Joint Campaign coordinators is underway. Currently, the team is focused on determining the campaign timeline.

MPAEF Update — Jennifer Dahmus/Alka Gupta, MPAEF Co-Presidents

Jennifer thanked everyone for their support with the Spring Auction, which raised $240K in ten days. More tickets were purchased this year than last year, and 97% of items received bids. The campaign still fell shy of the rather aggressive target. Upcoming opportunities to fulfill the campaign target include:

1. Schoolhouse Rocks 5K Run
2. Business community fundraising efforts
3. Fundraising efforts directed at the local community (alums, supporters)
4. Fulfilling pledges that folks committed to in the Fall

Schoolhouse Rocks 5K Update — Kendall Harris, Jennifer Dahmus, Alka Gupta, Coordinators

- Schoolhouse Rocks 5K will be held on Sunday, 5/21 at 9am
- All students will end up at Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park
- There will be two race routes this year to enhance the flow of race traffic
- The After Party will have several fun events for kids, and Hillview students will be an integral part of the run as volunteers
- Hillview band will be involved in the entertainment
- Registration is open
- Packet pickup will be at Fleet Feet in downtown Menlo Park
- The After Party will be amazing, and has been funded by 20 participating sponsors, including Kennolyn Camps

Adjournment - Kate Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.