



August 18, 2022
PTO Board Meeting
6:00pm / Zoom
Call to order: 6:02 pm

Meeting called to order by PTO President, Raine Dougan and Hector Salazar at 6:02 p.m. **Fifty Nine members were present.** Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

Hector Salazar and Raine Dougan

- Welcome to all parents
- Thank you for joining!
- Potential for great things to happen and excited for the enthusiasm
- Looking forward to getting to know everyone

Emily Quinn - Communications Team

- Helping to set up systems for the PTO

Site Administrator's Updates (Dr. Latoya Williams)

- Coming back into the Principal role at Montera
- The team is amazing!
- The last 5-6 years we have been working on supporting the Montera community
 - Restorative conversations
 - Tomorrow having a meeting with three students re: dress code
 - These students are excited about their meeting and crafting a presentation
- I am inspired to be a co-creating leader and giving voice to our students and community
- Making a more clear path of our journey together
- Last school year was challenging - students were out of sync
 - We heard a lot about how students have forgotten how to socialize
 - The last couple of weeks we have been building community in the classrooms and excitement for learning.
- Focus for this year is to develop the blueprint for middle school excellence for students
 - There is foundational work that is required
 - Goal - Systems

- Using a Padlet to help center a place for teacher communication
 - We will have highlights of students - we want them to be recognized
 - Attendance
 - Character
 - GPA
 - Being an amazing Toro
 - Excellence is celebrated on campus and seen!
- Parents may feel that their middle schooler might start isolating themselves
 - One way to counter this is to get involved!
 - If your kids are embarrassed that's ok!
 - We need parents on campus volunteering
- Instruction
 - Focused on holding the whole child
 - The former dress code was targeting girls and girls of color
 - We are holding all bodies accountable regardless of gender
 - We are now focusing on Instruction
 - We have 28 different learners in a classroom and unique needs
 - How are teachers being supported?
 - What training is available for our teachers?
 - Climate and Culture
 - Instruction
 - This will get better through observation
 - Principal Williams will observe instruction
 - Data talks with teachers and PTO
- Looking forward to working together and celebrating working with your young person
 - Students remind me about my why
 - 59 parents joining our first PTO is also my WHY!
- Thank you!
- Looking forward to an amazing year!

Updates:

Raine Dougan

- Coming out of a couple of years of dark times
- PTO is now focused on goals for the year
- PTO wants to focus on community building, culture
- The garden team has planned events
- Dances
- Planned mixer for 6th grade families
- Grade level activities
- Fall Fest!! Hoping to pull this off!
- Auction historically
 - The team will convene
- Field Trips are happening
- Lunch time activities in the works and teachers forming clubs
- Sports programs up and running

- Theater
- We want to see students active and engaged
- We need volunteers to pull these things off!
- We do have a few vacant board positions
- We will email and ask you for any help you can offer - we will take it!

Christy Bradshaw

- Open position - Social Media Person
 - Be on the lookout for the email
- Karen McNeal - Does a great job with the E-Bulletin
- Working on the calendar
 - Parents subscribe to the parent square calendar
- Lauren Addicott - Updates the website
- Emily Quinn on our Communications Team

Break Out Rooms - Click Link Below to view discussion questions and group responses

★ BREAKOUT ROOM NOTES DOCUMENT ★

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KIQNqDF63MsryNoJiDGtL4eglTP9CQ3iz-dcZV2La_w/edit?usp=sharing

Make sure you are subscribed to the newsletter! <https://www.ousd.org/domain/2574>

Here's this week's eBulletin (I think): <https://www.smores.com/t4ngb>

Subscribe to ParentSquare Calendar here: <https://www.parentsquare.com/schools/7865/calendars>

And another link... we have a new closed FB group (vs. a public-facing page), so please join!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/torofamilies>

Hector Salazar

- Thank you and meeting adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 p.m

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00p.m. on Zoom

Board Members Present:

Dr. Latoya Williams - Principal

Raine Dougan - Co-President

Hector Salazar - Co-President

Christy Bradshaw - Communications

Emily Quinn - Communications

Melissa Hyde McGee - Secretary

Members Present:

59 members present total