



**April 13, 2023**  
**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 6:03 p.m. **Twenty-Two members were present.** Quorum is 4. Quorum is met.

#### **Welcome and Agenda: Raine Dougan**

- Opening/ Review Agenda
  - Updates: Sports, 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, Ride for a Reason Benefit, Talent Show, 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, Music in the Park etc.)
  - PTO Positions
  - Doc Updates
  - PTO Retreat
  - Parent Survey

#### **Dr. Williams**

- Field Trip: Taking two young Muslim students to dinner and attending a special event. Helping to connect them to the community.
- Students will be visiting a doctor's office for a seminar and learn about ultrasounds and the musculoskeletal system.
- Gearing up for the Dinner Dance!
- Will have staffing updates soon for each grade level.
- These last few weeks feel like turbulence and we're hanging on for the ride!
- Working this year to see how we can support our students.
  - We are creating a wellness space for staff, not just teachers, but all staff to take care of themselves.
  - Very appreciative of Loryn Hudson, we have 80 new desks from Head Royce.
- We are thinking through making other partnerships. Our youth are struggling and looking to build a hub for resources.
  - How do we create safe spaces in the moment. How do we help students be good decision makers and train students for their middle school journey?
- Working to create a Makers Space in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade alley. Working with Agency by Design to create this space. Twelve teachers are going through a fellowship training to help with this space.
- I want students to learn that violence is not the answer.
- New bell schedule for 23/24 school year – not set yet.
  - Nutrition break after first period (12-minute break)

- Departure time will be at 2:57pm
- Moving to Wednesday advisory with a focus on wellness
- Still 9:15am start time
- Wednesday departure will be at 1:36pm
- Advisory is changing so that instruction time is still similar.
- Looking to increase minimum days.
  - Potential to add parent conferences back.
- Sheila – Thankful to Dr. Williams for supporting our teachers and students and creating safe spaces and support for them.
- Testing schedule will be posted for next week.

### **Updates:**

#### **Raine**

- Shout out to Ethan for the winter sport banquet which was just for soccer!
- Thank you to the Athletic Directors as well!
- Spring sports season launched!
- Heard that Baseball won several games.
- Now have a Boys Volleyball Coach
- Spring Banquet is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Christy - Auction**

- Purchase your Spring Benefit tickets now.
- Bring everyone you know!
- May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Photo Booth
- Live Auction
- Online Auction Live on April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers are still needed on the day of
- Volunteers for planning, games, coordination etc.
- Benefit & Beats Tickets: <https://paybee.io/@montera@16>
  - Volunteer for Benefit: VOLUNTEER FORM

#### **Jeffrey Worrall - Music**

- A week from Saturday taking Advanced Band and Choir students to Music in the Park festival in Vallejo.
- Montera families printed our shirts which will be for sale at the spring concert.
- The funds/donations from our families go to Music in the Park because it is an expensive event. Hoping to have money set aside for this in future years.
- We need a few more parent volunteers – Announcement can be added to the e-bulletin.
- Thursday, 4/27 we will be taking guitar students to the first OUSD guitar festival at Oakland High School
- Our music students will be performing at Montera at lunch time this Spring.
- Spring concert is May 17th

#### **Nay – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities**

- Waiting to see if Skyline may have experienced a fire so trying to determine if this space is available for graduation.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance: Students receive their tickets tomorrow. Students need their permission slip.
- After the dinner dance we will have the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic and then promotion.
- Food at the dinner dance: Chicken, ribs, pasta dishes, salads, vegan options catered from Golden Lotus. Dessert table and appetizers before dinner is served.
- Raine – grateful for all that Nay is doing!
- Nay – grateful for the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade team!
- 93 tickets sold so far.

#### **Sheila - Ride for a Reason**

- The event is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There is a 68 mile and a 45-mile ride due to weather some roads are washed out so the 100-mile ride has been cancelled.
- Vacaville / Fairfield border: Montera hosts the rest stop – we need three more volunteers at Soul Food Farms
- If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering, please have them email me!!
- Last year we raised \$15,000.00.

#### **Ethan - Sports**

- Coming from a game in Berkeley and we have amazing new players.
- We are learning a lot this year.
- We have gotten past a difficult time when winter and spring sports overlapped this year.
- The weather has affected some of the sports this year.
- This role is a big role at Montera
- The winter banquet was great! Soccer has become a big sport!
- Raine – Thank you to Ethan!
- Karen – Question about baseball – tradition is that 8<sup>th</sup> graders are given more playing time.
- Important time for parents to be involved in middle school and helping with sports is a great way to get involved.

#### **Raine – PTO for Next Year**

- Melissa Schmidt – Co-President for next year
- Need a second Co-President
- Need a Vice President
- We have a lot of roles filled!
- We need more support for Outreach – open position.
- We have a volunteer coordinator this year!
- Erin Proudfoot – Do we have a PTO coffee?
- Feedback for the retreat:
  - What's working for your students at Montera?
  - What is not working for your students?
  - What should teachers focus on for next year?
- Is the next PTO meeting in person? The retreat is in person. Planning on the last PTO meeting to be in person.

**Board Members Present:**

Raine Dougan – Co-President  
Emily Quinn – VP Communications  
Melissa Hyde - Secretary  
Karen McNeil – VP Communications  
Ethan Pintard - Sports  
Nay Colvin – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Suzanne – Finance  
Shelia Kopf – Ride for a Reason

**Montera Staff/Teachers Present:**

Dr. Latoya Williams - Principal  
Mr. Runge – Teacher

**Members Present:**

22 members present total