Hillview Middle School PTO
Minutes of the Regular PTO Executive Board
Friday, December 15, 2023
8:30–9:30 AM
In-Person Meeting

PTO Executive Board Members 2023-2024

Co-Presidents	Sarah Sobel & Sarah Thayer	Volunteer Coordinator	Maria Lemkuhl
Co-Vice Presidents	Katherine Bicer & Azadeh Rasmussen	Parent Engagement Coordinator	Amy Beim
Treasurer	Carolina Whitty	After-School Activities Coordinator	Tara Carranza Chapman
Vice Treasurer	Jory Macdonald	After-School Athletics Coordinator	Joyce Kanemitsu
Financial Secretary	Rachel Maclay	Parliamentarian	
Recording Secretary	Emily Moberg Robinson	Principal	Danielle O'Brien
Communications Chair	Rebecca Emery	Teacher Representative	Valerie Cypert Kara Connelly
Auditor	Anne Yeow	MPAEF Liaisons	Katherine Glass, Lindsay Nalevanko
Student Community Coordinator	Dolores Bernardo		

Present: Amy Beim, Anne Yeow, Carolina Whitty, Emily Moberg Robinson, Jory Macdonald, Katherine Bicer, Katherine Glass, Lindsay Nalavanko, Rachel Maclay, Rebecca Emery, Sarah Sobel, Tara Chapman, Tom Lyons

Absent: Azadeh Rasmussen, Danielle O'Brien, Dolores Bernardo, Joyce Kanemitsu, Kara Connelly, Maria Lemkuhl, Sarah Thayer, Valerie Cypert

I. Call to Order: Sarah Sobel

II. Approval of November Minutes: Emily Moberg Robinson

- Carolina motions; Katherine B seconds
- Hillview PTO General Meeting minutes from November 17, 2023

III. President's updates: Sarah Sobel

- By-laws: Next week: will send out a survey about roles, attendance at board meetings -- make sure we have all the right people in the room and if everyone needs to go to these meetings
    - Katherine B for Katherine G: right now we have parent and student engagement reps on the board; would it be good to have the teacher engagement rep on the board?
    - There's a budget for teacher appreciation -- we should make sure ctes with large budgets have a rep on the board

IV. Principal's Report: Tom Lyons

- Hawk Talk: counselors come on multiple times/week and talk about SEL
    - Getting good feedback from kids -- will keep on doing this
- Ipads: turn off internet during break
    - Also some new systems coming into place for central control of the ipads
- This year is going really well with kids -- feels really positive around behavior
- Question about phones: we are 'enforcing off and away all day' -- seems like it's working better so far (generally confiscating 1 or 2/week, not 3/day)
- Feedback on report cards
    - Kids: it's hard to get a 4, so that's frustrating
    - Lots of work for teachers, but got done in time
    - But much more information, much more feedback
    - Concern about 'grade bundling' -- why work at a 93 level if you can work at an 86 level and still get a 3
        - The hope that it's about learning and proficiency and reassessing rather than on a particular score
        - More staff work to do on what's a 4, what you need to do to earn a 4 -- ie to go *beyond* the standard (at an A+ level)
            - up until now, the focus has been on what is a 3, how do we get kids to a 3
        - Going forward, there will be new opportunities to go above and beyond what we've been teaching in the past, and strategies to encourage kids to take these opps
        - Also: 4s have evolved from going above and beyond to going deeper -- can't be something that was explicitly taught (and memorized); it needs deeper analysis on the part of the

student -- full understanding of the standards gives you a starting point, but requires students to have insight
        - Going forwards: it'll be clearer what a 4 is and more opportunities to get it
    - Suggestion: Need messaging to parents about how the new standards do not map onto a 4.0 scale (ie a 3 is not a B)

V. Teacher Appreciation Update: Katherine Glass

- Holiday gift: $20 Target gift cards; will be disbursed on Tuesday

VI. Treasurer's Report: Carolina Whitty

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rYeWiTm9fUbkj55DwTIXV7V5qViZIodB2gvZjHfivO0/edit#slide=id.p

- We have reached our OCC fundraising goal
- 255 students playing basketball
- Do we need to add music as a passthrough like we did for drama?

VII. MPAEF Update: Katherine Glass & Lindsay Nalevanko

- Auction is March 9; looking for HV party ideas
    - Last year: successful items were VIP parking at 8th grade grad, movie in the PAC for 20 friends
    - Ideas: water balloon fight with admins; picnic or movie on the field; teacher master class; swag bags from high school
    - Advanced art class is going to blanket hallway of office with art

VIII. Open Discussion

IX: Meeting Adjourned: Sarah Sobel

- Katherine motioned; Jory seconded

Note: M-A Liaison Update: Jennifer Noravian (via email)

Progress on M-A info night at Hillview:

- Tuesday, January 30, 6:30–8 PM
- Menlo Atherton Principal Karl Losekoot will present, and a panel of former Hillview students and 9th grade teachers from M-A will answer questions from the principal and audience about the high school and the transition from middle school. Students should attend with a parent and must sit with their families.
- Danielle O'Brien and I will set up and manage the event. I am waiting for details like the size of the student panel and which teachers will attend—last year it was English, Geometry, and Science. Might not hear back until January.

Bylaws:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1680769346/districtmpcsdorg/mmpuinwdjp3za55szjdw/2020-21_Hillview_PTO_Bylaws_-_approved_31221.pdf

Standing Rules:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1680769284/districtmpcsdorg/bvgce7t948ne88qkt5dp/2020-21_Hillview_PTO_Standing_Rules_-_approved_31221.pdf