# Menlo Park City School District Council
# Meeting Agenda
*January 12, 2024*

Location: MPCSD TERC, 181 Encinal Ave., Atherton, CA
**(In Person only; no Zoom option)**

**In attendance: Jill Vizas, May Matsui, Andrea Nudd, Kristen Gracia, Krista Rosa, Allison Jagtiani, Julie Harstein, Parke Treadway, Sharon Burns, Danielle O'Brien, Linda Creighton, Alicia Heneghan, Alicia Payton-Miyazaki, Carrie Chen, Jen Baskin, Suzanne Yonkers, Allison Carlson, Eleanor DeJong, Sarah Sobel, Erin Reuther, Meredith Nonnenberg, Laura Low Ah Kee**

**8:46 am to 9:07 am — District Council Business**

**8:46 am**
**Call to Order—May Matsui, DC Secretary**

**Welcome and Treasurer Update - Jill Vizas, DC President**
- The new Treasurer is Teresa Kwon. She is absent for this meeting but will attend the March DC meeting.

**Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes—May Matsui, DC Secretary/Parliamentarian**
- Andrea Nudd motioned to approve; Krista Rosa seconded. The Minutes are approved by vote. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report — May Matsui, DC Secretary**
- The only banking transaction activity since the school year started was a deposit on 12/1/23 totaling $4750. The deposit was the District Council dues collected from all the schools except Laurel.
- Refer to the Treasurer's Report dated December 31,2023

**8:50 am**
**Speaker Series Update – Kirsten Gracia, DC President**
- Be A Man movie will screen on January 31st at Hillview. The film was made by SafeSpace, a Menlo Park-based, youth-led mental health-focused organization. Dr. Sheridan will lead the panel to lead the discussion, along with Chris Arrington, and John Paye (former 49er player who also stars in the movie). The last event had 100 people in attendance.
- Other Speaker Series events coming up include, Be an Askable Adult (puberty talk) and Take It Personally with Project Cornerstone. The dates for these two events are on the website and registration to open soon.

**8:54 am**

**District Awards Update— Allison Jagtiani, Recognition Coordinator**

- Reminders by March 10th to have all the school committee ready to meet and it will go out to the newsletter.
- By April, all nominations for honorary, continuing, and Golden Oaks awards are due.
- Request to increase the budget—can we use more money for gifts for awards? Per Kirsten, this topic is to be discussed at the next meeting. How do we identify who the nominees should be? Per Jill—everyone should think about if we can put more money into the budget.

**9:07 am to 10:18 am — All other updates**

**9:07 AM**

**One Community Campaign— Krista Rosa, OCC Co-Coordinator**

- School goals at 99% Encinal 103%, Laural 109%, OK 115%, HV 112%, MPAEF is at 97.2% Also, 54% of pledges are fulfilled year to date.
- The next big push is coming up within the next couple of months. Participation 67.20%, this is less than half.
- Look forward to the MUA.TBD for planning for next year.
- Krista looking for a co-chair for next year. We will vote for her in the next meeting in March.

**MPAEF —Jen Baskin, MPAEF Co-President**

- Annual event coming up—a couple of asks are for auction items; need more silent auctions.
- Still need more grade-level parties for each school.16 parties submitted from the schools so far. The deadline to submit school parties is on Monday 1/15 (MLK date).
- Provide a wish list item, the auction has early bird tickets for $195 each and goes up Feb 12th to $212.
- TK parties suggestions—TK classrooms are dismissed at 12:10 pm, and TK kids cannot come back, thus can the TK parties be during school hours? Alicia wants to discuss TK.

**School Board Update — Kirsten Gracia, Superintendent**

- Superintendent Update on Facilities Plans. A lot is happening on the School Board level. DC needs to be paying attention to what's happening at the BOARD level.
- Lots of school board meeting information is referenced on the District website. You can find all the board meetings/videos there. Also, Parke writes brief summaries following board meetings. This is a great way for parents to stay up to date on the Board level. The summaries are also in the newsletters. Click on BoardDocs—it houses all the board meetings and agendas.
- Back to Business—facilities planning for the future. Getting back to the high-quality curriculum. Assessing our facilities is a main focus. The priority of the plan is to improve the safety, and quality (reference board doc for Kirsten's slides).
- There are 3 phases of the facility planning process—phase 1 is assessing/budgeting the work, phase 2—is (now) further research, aligning resources, and how to move forward. Phase 3 (how would we implement this and put it in a timeline).
- Why now? Our students—state funding and the optimal time to opt in for this and we might be eligible for millions of dollars to help improve our facilities, warmer learning environment

(need AC in classroom spaces), opportunities rather than critical needs (if we were to reconstruct older pods, would it give us an opportunity).
    - 4 priority areas for facilities planning: 1) safety & security, 2) Building & Facilities (needs modernization), 3) Tech and infrastructure, and 4) energy & efficiency.
- What are our needs? The Division of State Architect (DSA) is the state dept that comes in and approves the construction of the property. Taking an integrated approach. Safety & Security—1) Secured Campus Upgrades: Priority fencing 2) Fire Alarm Systems Upgrades 3) Alarm & Security Camera System Upgrades 4. Access Control System: electrified door access, card key.
- Looking into potential funding sources include the need for a bond to support our unfunded needs: District funds (come from deferred maintenance funds/developer's fees), Bonds (General Obligations) Grants (PG & E: EV Charger grants, Energy grants, eligibility funds - erates: State fundings for modernization eligible for $19-26 mil by July 2025 (refer to board docs) Total estimated costs is almost $200mil, we cannot do this without a Bond.
- BOND information—require 55% approval vs Parcel tax 2/3 votes, Pollster will bring survey data at the next Feb/March school board meeting. By the end of the school year (June), the school board will need to finalize the bond projects list, election amount, estimated tax rates, and draft ballot language.
- We will need a bond commitment by June. The District employees cannot be part of the committee. Need to engage volunteers to run campaigns, whatever is the best way to go about a BOND campaign. The ideal time for Bond on the ballot would be November.

**10: 18 am**
**Adjournment**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- March 1st, 2024
- May 10th, 2024
- June 7th, 2024