8.Hillview Middle School PTO
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, August 30, 2024

Agenda

8:30am	Call to Order / Presidents' Report ● Greetings and introductions ● Board positions ○ Open: Co-VP, Auditor ○ TBD: Teacher Appreciation, After School Activities ● PTO Calendar	Azadeh Rasmussen & Katherine Bicer
8:45am	Approval of Minutes (May 17, 2024)	Emily Robinson
8:45am	Principal's Report	Danielle O'Brien
8:55am	Treasurer's Report	Jory Macdonald
9:05am	Measure U Overview	Katherine Bicer
9:20am	Measure U Discussion + Vote to Endorse	Azadeh Rasmussen
9:35am	OCC Update	Lindsay Nalevanko & Jen Baskin
9:45am	Meeting Adjourned	Azadeh & Katherine

- **Voting Members Present (11):** Azadeh Rasmussen (co-president), Danielle O'Brien (principal), Emily Moberg Robinson (recording secretary), Jory Macdonald (treasurer), Joyce Kanemitsu (athletics coordinator), Katherine Bicer (co-president), Maria Lehmkuhl (volunteer coordinator), Melitta Stevens (vice-president), Neelu Rapaka (vice-treasurer), Rachel Maclay (financial secretary), Rebecca Emery (communications)

- **Other PTO Members Present (10):** Si Wilber (parent engagement), Allison Jagtiani (student community coordinator), Lindsay Nalevanko (MPAEF rep), Sarah Sobel (OCC chair), Johnna Becker (assistant principal), Scott Saywell (Board), Andrew Dinh (assistant principal), Kim Bovello (parent), Joanna (parent), Albert (parent)

Nb: Quorum is 7 executive board members (we currently have 13 filled positions). In order to pass a motion, the majority of the quorum needs to approve

Call to Order
Intros

President's Report: Azadeh

- A few open positions: co-VP; auditor
- TBD: teacher appreciation and after-school activities coordinators
    - Teacher appreciation: one of the largest line items on our budget, but not an official exec board position. We are exploring adding position to the bylaws and voting on it at the next gen meeting.
    - HV PTO is not currently offering after-school activities – no volunteers; and relatively small number of participants (~50 kids/tri), lots of scrambling → pausing for first trimester and see how it goes, if there's interest in reviving (currently a board position, so we need to figure out what's going on with it)

- Hillview calendar has been updated to include PTO items: getting a full view of what's happening on campus from a PTO perspective
    - Available on parentsquare and on the Hillview website
    - thanks to Melitta (VP) and Rebecca (communications) for spearheading

- Popsicles were a big hit -- thanks, Allison (student community coordinator)!

- post-BTSN gathering, location tbd. Thank you to SI (parent engagement coordinator) for organizing

- 900 Hillview lawn signs will be delivered today and distributed at BTSN – thanks to Lindsay for organizing

Treasurer's Report: Jory

- Treasurer's Report here
- Significantly outraised our goal last year
- Spent less than we budgeted last year
- EOY Surplus: $38,713 (this will go down some as expenses get submitted, including grad party)
- 24-25 proposed budget ready
    - Increased fundraising goal to $155K
    - Proposed non-pass-thru expenses: $181K (will use up much of last year's surplus)

Measure U Overview: Katherine

- The MPCSD school board has voted to put Measure U on the November ballot
- Katherine B is campaign chair for Measure U (this a separate role from PTO pres; she will recuse herself for the PTO vote on endorsing the measure)
- Facilities
    - HVAC systems are near end of life – can't handle hotter weather, smoky days
    - State and fed $$ available NOW, which is why we're going for this measure now
    - Older buildings need updating, fixing
    - 4 priorities: Secure campus, seismic safety, climate resilience, update tech
        - AC in each classroom (right now only 4% of rooms *across the district* have AC)
        - Lower Laurel is retrofitted for earthquake compliance, but needs to be rebuilt
- 124M gen obligation bond -- typically last for 25-30 years, but the conditions will be changeable/refinanced depending on what's advantageous to taxpayers
    - $19/year/$100,000 of assessed value of houses in MPCSD -- including those parts of Atherton zoned for MPCSD
- This would be the 4th active bond
- If Measure U passes, we qualify for $28M in matching bonds from the state
    - if it doesn't pass, we are not eligible to get in line for this $$
- School bonds are a low-risk investment (backed by taxpayers and the govt); there are lots of potential buyers
- Right now: TK-8 bond tax rate is around $25; area neighborhoods are higher. If this passes, we'll be in the median with Portola Valley, Las Lomitas, etc.
- HV-specific projects: $17M in projects tagged for us in the board proposal (we are the second newest school after Upper Laurel, so we don't need as much infrastructure updates)
    - Fire alarm system, electrified doors, electric AC, solar

- → how can we help the district pass this measure?
    - Vote yes
    - GOTV as individuals
    - Encourage our PTO to endorse Measure U (PTOs are allowed to endorse measures, not candidates)
        - PTO mission: ensure student safety and welfare – in line with Measure U's outcomes
    - Donate: campaign budget of $200,000, needed to fund door knockers, mailers, ads, campaign events all cost $$ (PTOs are allowed to donate to campaigns)

- Questions
    - Timeline for construction? Years….
        - The projects have been scoped out (Board has a facilities cte that did this)
        - For comparison: 2006: bond passed; 2011: HV was under construction 2012: HV construction completed
        - Bond passes in Nov; gets sold in Jan; won't get $$ until Feb or March
        - nb: we still have bonds we're dealing with; Board refinances them to save $$

    - Some of the projects can happen faster
        - Safety measures -- safety audit, risk management is happening now
        - How are these things being prioritized?
            - Note: these things have been on the list for years; then the pandemic hit and they got put on the back burner
            - HVAC parts aren't even available retail anymore….
            - Scott: personal priority is earthquake; but each board member has their own priorities
                - There will be opportunity for community input
                - oversight committee which community members can join

        - Will this impact our kids?
            - Some more immediate projects will impact current students
            - Other projects will impact future students
            - Point: our students today have benefitted from bond measures that previous voters passed and that their own children did not use (eg: new Hillview buildings, Upper Laurel)

    - Measure U must be passed in a vote of the entire community
        - Need 55% of votes on the Measure
            - Around 12-15,000 people will have this on the ballot
            - parents are 20% of the voters
        - Reminder: good schools are good for everyone in the community
        - This does not trigger a reassessment of people's houses
        - no carve-out for elderly voters
        - **there are TWO measures on the ballot: Prop 2 and Measure U**
            - Prop 2 is a state-wide measure: will create matching grants for individual school districts (ie Measure U)
                - Prop 2 was put on the ballot to encourage districts like ours to put our own measure on the ballots
            - The board believes we may be able to get $24 from outside sources, including (potentially) money from Prop 2

    - Sept 8 kick-off event, 1 PM: Burgess Park

Measure U Discussion + Vote to Endorse: 9 eligible voters present (Katherine and Danielle recused themselves)

- Azadeh:
    - Measure U is in line with our mission
    - We've done our due diligence on legality of endorsing and donating to campaign
    - There is no organized no-on-U campaign to invite to the PTO meeting

1. **Proposal: Motion for HV PTO Executive Board to endorse the Measure U campaign**
    - Azadeh: first; Melitta second
    - Unanimous approval (recused: Katherine, Danielle)

2. Vote to donate to the Yes on U campaign
    - No more than 20% of budget can be allocated to support a campaign
    - Proposal: allocate $10K for a campaign donation
        - Yes on U campaign right now has raised about $80K of their $200K budget (this will be a more expensive campaign to run than Measure B was)
        - The $10K will come out of last year's ~$38K surplus
        - We have the ability to vote as an exec board to spend up to $10K – if we want to donate more, this will need to be approved at the General Meeting in October

    - All principals and PTO leadership have been informed of the legality of PTOs donating to the campaign
    - HV will be the first MPCSD PTO to do this
        - plenty of other PTOs/PTAs and foundations in other districts have donated to their bond measure campaigns – our district actually is the outlier right now

    - Jory: a $10K investment to get $124M is pretty darn good….
    - Enthusiastic support from Hillview parent Kim Novello and other non-voting PTO members to endorse and support Measure U

    - **Proposal: the Hillview PTO shall donate $10K to the Yes on U campaign**
        - Azadeh: first; Melitta: second
        - Unanimous approval (recused: Katherine, Danielle)

Approval of May 2024 Minutes: Emily

- Jory: motion to approve; Rachel: second
- Unanimous approval

Principal's Report: Danielle

- New Assistant Principal Andrew Dinh (came from Milpitas): welcome to Hillview!
- Returning Assistant Principal Johnna Becker: ASB liaison; testing; curriculum work with district; LCAP; after school academics

OCC Update: Lindsay

- Hillview's own Sarah Sobel is running the OCC this year
- The OCC has started; but Hillview's big kickoff is at BTSN on Thurs 9/5
- Runs until Sept 27
- Goal: $3.75M; gen ask is $2000/student
- The OCC raised over budget last year: gave $4M to districts
- First $250 to PTOs; the rest to the foundation (librarian, woodshop, counselors, broadcast studio, 504 coordinator, full-time nurses…)
- Over $50K to give via Jeannie Ritchie
- Wine walk Nov 16; Dine out coming; Gotts added
- Good Eggs continuing their fundraiser
- Dec 3: Giving Tues
- Auction (at Hillview) and Fun Run next year

PTO Executive Board Members 2024-2025

Co-Presidents	Katherine Bicer & Azadeh Rasmussen	Volunteer Coordinator	Maria Lehmkuhl
Co-Vice Presidents	Melitta Stevens & OPEN	Parent Engagement Coordinator	Si Wilber
Treasurer	Jory Macdonald	Student Community Coordinator	Alison Jagtiani
Vice Treasurer	Neelu Akkannapragada -- to be voted in	After-School Athletics Coordinator	Joyce Kanemitsu
Financial Secretary/ Data Tracker	Rachel Maclay	Parliamentarian	Sarah Thayer
Recording Secretary	Emily Moberg Robinson	After- School Programs Coordinator	OPEN/may be eliminated
Communications Chair	Rebecca Emery	Teacher Representative	OPEN
Auditor	OPEN	Principal (non-voting)	Danielle O'Brien
MPCSD Board Member Liaison (non-voting)	Scott Saywell	MPAEF Liaisons (non-voting)	Jen Baskin, Lindsay Nalevanko

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