Hillview Middle School PTO
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Executive Board Members Present: Lindsay Nalevanko, Cristina Gibbs, Barbara Nguyen-Vu, Jory Macdonald, Mick Johnson, Lisa Rakowski, Aimee Mathenia, Johnna Becker, Jennifer Baskin, Danielle Zienka, Tosin Falasinnu, Andrea Henry, Michelle Eakin, Josie Cheung, Julie Hartstein

Executive Board Members Absent: Danielle O'Brien, Christina Vitale

Agenda

8:30am	Call to Order / Co-Presidents' Report ● New Family Welcome and Carline Rally	Andrea Henry & Michelle Eakin
8:35am	Approval of Minutes (May 29, 2026 and August 28, 2026)	Lisa Rakowski
8:35am	Principal's Report	Danielle O'Brien
8:45am	Teacher's Report	Aimee Mathenia & Arion Espinoza
8:55am	MPAEF/ Update	Cristina Gibbs & Lindsay Nalevanko
9:00am	Treasurer's Report ● 2026-2027 DRAFT Budget	Barbara Nguyen-Vu
9:20am	Student Community Events Update	Lindsay Nalevanko
9:25am	Additional Board Updates	TBD
9:30am	Meeting Adjourned	Andrea Henry & Michelle Eakin

8:30 - Call to Order / Co Presidents Report - Andrea and Michelle

- Carline Rally this morning - Great to see kids running it themselves
- New parent event pushed to next week
    - Morning of movie night, then invite them to movie night
- Field Trip Update
    - Taking 7th graders to Outsiders
    - 8th Graders will keep Great America (last year for this tradition since park is closing)
    - 6th Graders will go to Egyptian exhibit at the DeYoung
    - PTO will provide extra funding for the bussing

- New Perspective Student Tour (for parents) - working on this for next month
    - Similar to preview days for private schools
    - There will also be an event later in the year for students to see the school before private school commitments are due.

8:40am - Approval of PTO Meeting Minutes (May 29, 2026 and August 28, 2026) - Lisa

- May Notes
    - Motion to approve: Barbara
    - Second: Jen Baskin
    - Approved
- August Notes
    - Motion to approve: Jory
    - Second: Jen
    - Approved

8:43am - Principal's Report

- 6th grade hangout - New event for this year just hosted by ASB
    - A way for 6th graders from different schools to meet each other
    - Included music, activities (ex: scavenger hunt), taught dances on stage, food
    - Team Talon kits - if you had your talon, got a free snack
    - About 100 kids attended
    - Used new Minga system for check-in
    - Offered bus for students who stayed
- ASB decided 7th and 8th grade dances will be combined this year and there will be 2 dances
- District Council - Building community at your school sites
    - A lot of efforts are around students building community, but less so for parents
    - Struggle with building community around parents because students want more space from parents.
    - Thinking about how can we engage parent community around struggles of raising teenagers. A lot of issues parents face are difficult to talk about
    - Trying to find a way to invite parents to come together a few times a year and discuss a topic
        - Ex: friendships, mental health struggles, balancing workload
    - Parent book club?
        - Anxious Generation book talk last year
        - Book (Middle School Matters)
        - Talked about printing out a chapter to keep conversation focused, since many parenting books span so many topics

8:51 Teacher's Report - Aimee Mathenia

- Update from Heiko Ritter - Woods class - kids carved desigs of their choice and painted them

- 6th grade mindfulness - mind in the jar lesson (PTO supported) - kids learn the concept of settling your mind. Kids loving it
- Field trips - teachers are excited about this year's plan
- Aimee appreciative of PTO grant
- Teachers asking for link to donate to PTO
    - Barbara - suggests doing this at district level because each school deals with communication/process complications. Would be smoother for this to be handled centrally since it's a shared issue. Will work with MPAEF on this idea.

8:56am - MPAEF & OCC Updates (Lindsay and Cristina)

- Unlocked the $300,000 Match
- Currently at over 70% or almost $3M to our $4.1M goal
- Compalgn closes Sept 25
- Upcoming Events
    - Dine Out - Oct 13-16 (minimum days week)
        - 15-25% of proceeds go to MPAEF
        - Go in person or order by phone
    - Nov 14 - Wine Walk
    - March 20, 2027 - Auction
    - May 23, 2027 - Schoolhouse rocks

8:58am - Treasurer's Report - Barbara

- Fundraising goal is $175k. We're at 34% participation with 10 days left
- One-time spend: about $15k for 7th grade Outsider trip to spend down surplus
- Academic: Increase by $15k
- Program: increase by $15k
    - 10k more for 8th grade party (15k total)
    - 2.5k new realy for life

9:06am - Student Engagement - Lindsay

- Fri Sept 25 - Movie night from 6-8pm
    - Showing Ratatoullie
    - Bring blankets and chairs for comfort on field
    - Warm popcorn (sold by ASB) and food truck options
    - Movie will start at sundown (around 6:45/7), reminder that students need to attend the movie with an adult.
    - Discussion of food trucks vs pizza
        - Definitely need 3 food trucks
            - Have 2 as of now. Looking for a 3rd.
        - Discussion of ASB handing out pizza slices, but they wouldn't be able to do this AND popcorn/candy
        - No Mister Softee for this event because the line ends up being really long and students spend the whole time in line rather than participating (lesson from past experience)

9:17am - Meeting Adjourned

PTO Executive Board Members 2026-2027

Co-Presidents	Andrea Henry & Michelle Eakin	Principal	Danielle O'Brien
Co-Vice Presidents	Kathy Cronin & Tosin Falasinnu	Parent Engagement Coordinator	Christina Vitale
Treasurer	Barbara Nguyen-Vu	Student Community Coordinator	Lindsay Nalevanko
Vice Treasurer	Josie Cheung	After-School Sports Treasurer	Joyce Wong Kanemitsu
Financial Secretary/ Data Tracker	Jory Macdonald	Parliamentarian	Jen Baskin
Recording Secretary	Lisa Rakowski	Staff Appreciation Coordinator	Danielle Zienka
Communications Chair / Volunteer Coordinator	Julie Hartstein	Teacher Representative	Aimee Mathenia Arion Espinoza
Auditor	Mick Johnson	MPAEF Liaisons (non-voting)	Cristina Gibbs Lindsay Nalevanko
MPCSD Board Member Liaison (non-voting)	Jed Scolnick		

Bylaws:
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