

Oak Knoll PTO
Minutes of the Regular PTO Executive Board
Oak Knoll Teachers' Staff Room
March 11, 2015

2014-2015 Executive Board Officers:

Jill Wurster, President	David Ackerman, Oak Knoll Principal
Stephanie Chen, Vice-President	Kristen Gracia, Oak Knoll Co-Principal
Tracy Watt, Parliamentarian	Leah Kessler, Vice Principal
Page Curtin, Secretary	Trish Stella, Teacher Rep
Regina Skinner, Treasurer	Ashley Honerkamp, MPAEF Representative
Emily Record, Financial Secretary	Aarti Chandna, Auditor
Tamara Russell, Communications Chair	Stacy Jones, School Board Rep

Other present:
Allison Chao

I. Call to Order - Jill Wurster

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by President, Jill Wurster.

II. Approval of Minutes - Page Curtin

The regular PTO board meeting minutes of February 2015 were approved as presented.

Motion: Stephanie Chen. Second: Jill Wurster

III. Treasurer's Report - Gina Skinner

Gina gave an overview of activity over the past month including field trips, money raised for the Humane Society and the final Noteworthy Art and Outdoor Ed expenses.

IV. MPAEF Update – Ashley Honerkamp

Ashley gave an update on MPAEF activity. Liz Wiseman to speak Thursday, March 12th 6:30-8:30pm at the Hillview PAC. In followup, Nicole Scott will be teaching Wiseman's Multiplier Effect in the classroom.

MPAEF is working with community sponsors to bridge the gap. The Auction, Old Hollywood, is April 11th. MPAEF will be selling raffle tickets at Willy Wonka performances. Raffle prizes include a golden diamond bar necklace, an American Girl Doll, a Go Pro, tickets to a Stanford home game, a Soul Cycle/Lululemon certificate and a Stay-cation at Rosewood.

IV. Oak Knoll School Update – David Ackerman, Kristen Gracia, Leah Kessler

David, Kristen and Leah provided the following updates.

There was a Safe Moves Assembly last week. A pediatrician talked about bike safety awareness and the importance of wearing a helmet. Bike Safety Day coming soon.

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Grade level assemblies starting Friday, March 20th. Feedback from teachers will drive content. The assemblies will celebrate successes at each grade level. Good opportunity for grade specific reminders.

March is a busy month for teachers. Working on report cards. K-3 is a prototype. Made changes from T1 to T2 based on feedback from surveys.

Teacher's College is returning to grade 3-5 classrooms.

Smarter Balanced Assessment – 1st year receiving school reports and school wide scores. Testing window opens after Spring Break. May hold a Parent Night and Coffee Talk to discuss.

Yesterday's Coffee Talk focused on site survey results. An evening meeting is scheduled on March 24th at 7pm to review site survey results.

Walking Field Trip to Hillview on Thursday, March 26th to see Oak Knoll's 4th and 5th grade Spring Musical, Willy Wonka, Jr. One assembly at 9:15am and a second assembly at 11:00am.

New tables and stools have been purchased for science room.

Continue to work on staffing for next year. Kindergarten enrollment is complete. There was a decline in enrollment which is expected to continue over the next few years at Oak Knoll. By April 1st, tentative assignments to be shared with teachers. Currently, there are 101 non-resident kids. This number will be reduced once the upper campus opens. Tinsley students have not been placed. In three years, there will be 3,000 kids in District. Most growth to be seen in the middle school.

Communication will be coming out about class placement. Kristen will explain the process. There will be a two-week period to write a letter or set up meeting. There is no reason to meet with classroom teacher. This is an opportunity for parents to share information they feel is relevant to their child's placement. It is not an opportunity to choose a specific teacher.

V. Teacher's Update - Trish Stella

Trish spoke to the fact that families in district with children at MA would like school calendars aligned. It is difficult to align both the beginning and end of school dates. However, the August 25th start should not change for 2015-16. Top of mind is figuring out a way for Friday, Feb 12, 2016 break to work for everyone.

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VI.District Update - Stacy Jones

Stacy provided the update that the Mandarin Charter has not filed with the State. The charter has missed the deadline to present at the State's May meeting. They could resubmit to the District. Carol Cunningham is lead petitioner.

Kindergarten enrollment is down for Oak Knoll which is on target with predictions. Hillview will soon feel boost. Hillview can fit 1,100 kids and will likely get to around 1,000.

Math Expressions to be adopted. Presentation at the District Board meeting by Jen Coleman about the math pilot, Math Expressions vs Everyday Math. One class at each grade level piloted Math Expressions this year. Math Expressions is rigorous and gets kids to think deeper about math. It also relates well to the program adopted to Hillview. David Ackerman pointed out that Everyday Math did not deliver on deadlines which resulted in an incomplete piloting process. Upper math classes never received new materials.

Maurice is on a short-term leave and is expected back by end of school year. The rest of the District Board continues to do their jobs but subject to the Brown Act, a liaison and central person to go to with questions was needed. Erik Burmeister is filling this role. Concern was voiced that Erik may be migrating to a District job.

VII.District Council/Parent Education - Stephanie Chen

Stephanie announced that work is beginning on joint campaigns.

XXX Site Council Results – Tracy Watt and Allison Chao

Tracy and Allison reviewed the site survey results. The results were based on a 600 responses.

VIII.Adjournment - Jill Wurster

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Page Curtin, PTO Secretary

Date approved: April 8, 2015