



Meeting Minutes

Miller Creek Middle School Home & School Club

Location: Miller Creek Middle School, Room M3 and Google Meet

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 8:45am

1. Call to Order: Mary Yang Lee 8:46 AM

Present in person: Susanna Farber, Erin Dindey (Principal), Jen Iishi (VP), Tristan Levy (7th grade rep), Jodi Chaban (CANDO Executive Director), Kirstie Feist (Val HSC Co President), Susanna Gasper (6th grade rep), Lindy Bergen, Brad Honsberger (School Board), Virgine, Candace McConnell (Treasurer), Suzanne D.,

Virtual: Flor Espinoza (Co President), Teri Bleiweiss (Parliamentarian), Ji-Un Lee;

2. Introductions

3. Principal's report: Erin Dinday, Principal, Miller Creek Middle School

Strong start to school year; staff and parents solution oriented; first homeroom olympics this week; next Friday first grade level assemblies

4. CanDo! report: Jodi Chaban, Executive Director, CanDo!

Newsletter sent out yesterday; Annual Fam Giving campaign; Goal is \$700k; Funding people this year; clubs and after school sports CanDO funds the stipends and a portion of the counselors and a portion of wellness center, stipend for garden staff; fund portion of the technology (50% and then all the schools share in rest).

Board perspective CanDo is a big part of the overall budget and contributes a lot to the district budget;

33% of reaching the goal; good for beginning; 245 families that have donated (19%); at Miller Creek 20% have donated. Schools Rule has 2 funds, a general fund and that gets distributed per district by head count; separate equity fund in Mary J Burke by need. Schools Rule is County wide org and it's split evenly amongst the CA school districts; Miller Creek got about \$36,000.
Grant apps from CanDo; \$5-\$15k approximately; Leah does Grant writing;
District doesn't have a grant writer;

Suggested ask is \$750/student

Gave option to opt out of getting direct donation solicitations once they have donated (except for events)

Events:

Saturday 9/23/23 → Lucky Penny bakery donating 30% of her proceeds from her popup event in Novato

Sat Big Rock dine and donate 5-9 pm

9/28/23 Happy Hour CanDo Board meet and greet

Sunday 10/1 → Music at the Mansion Event Family Fund Festival at the Elk's Lodge \$35/adult and \$10 for youth; students doing crafts etc; music 2-7:30 pm

Food and drinks available for cost (not included in cost but they donate 20% of proceeds)

HSC can have a table and run a game (Susanna can attend, others?) a; 12 honor society students coming to help run the games;

10/20/2023 Drive in movie night Coco

5. Treasurers' report

New Treasurer will be Candace McConnell taking over for Lynette Molloy

\$56k in budget that's enough to cover annual amount this year but just enough; will need to be proactive in fundraising this year

Marie Barnes agreed to be fundraising chair and she will put together a committee

6. Spirit wear update

- A. Sales \$600 in sales net proceeds; \$120 at WEB day; sold 3-4 pieces at the mixer; Prob \$700-\$800; also about \$600 on Venmo for spirit wear; initial outlay \$1700
- B. Proposed purchase of clothing rack display (\$100)
- C. Trucker hat designs by Tommy Breeze that have been done at Val; replicate for MCMS sell for \$35 and they cost \$25; so \$10 profit; artwork he donates and we buy his hats and patches;

\$2100 initial outlay
Susanna Gasper motion to add \$2100 line item to the budget; Kirstie Feist seconded;
motion approved

7. DEI report (Teri Bleiweiss)

New teachers joining DEI committee; happy to see teacher involvement growing from last year; raise equity consciousness at the school and create a culture of equity on campus

\$1500 budgeted for DEI hosted event

DEI committee meets 10/4/23 3:30 pm

8. Hispanic Heritage Festival: Flor Espinosa

Event is taking place 10/6/23 5:30 pm

Flor working with families for the tables and food

Traditional Yucatan performers will perform (one of the parents is in the event)

Sign up genius will go out in today's HSC weekly email

Flor connecting with the elementary DEI's to coordinate

Maybe each of the schools can have a table; who will coordinate? LVE cannot participate because of book fair night)

Mary will make sure the HSC heads at the elementary schools have the sign up genius

9. Staff lunches

Lindy will organize the staff lunch for 8th grade because there isn't an 8th grade rep
6th grade is in Jan

10. Calendar

A. Post event report: Parent Mixer

B. Suggestions?

C. Dances → we have a budget for grade level dances; have calendared tentative dates; \$750/dance;

11. Committee Recruitment → Need for chairs

A. Panther Cup?

B. Snack Shack Coordinator → Honor Society volunteers that do it but need a parent there; appeal to the team coaches for parents on the teams to be on committee

C. Book Fair → need a head scheduled for Jan 22-26; 6th grade parent expressed interest in helping

D. Fundraising Chair →

- E. Website →
- F. Communications & Social Media
- G. 8th grade graduation

12. Upcoming HSC meetings:

- A. Oct 18 (6:00 pm)
- B. Nov 15 (8:45 am)
- C. Dec 20 (6:00 pm)
- D. Jan 17
- E. Feb 28
- F. March 20
- G. April 17
- H. May 15

13. Announcements

Val is doing a costume swap; can they do it at the Hispanic Heritage festival night? Yes
Anti-Semitism on campus and how to address; Tristan Levy will take lead on multiple
events to address Jan - April ties into DEI as well and can coordinate around a one book
one community read about it. Jewish Heritage Month is in May;

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: 10:03
Second: Susanna