

Oak Knoll PTO
Summary of the PTO Executive Board Meeting
9/5/24
8:30 AM
Oak Knoll STEAM Lab

2024-2025 Executive Board Officers Present:	
Laura Low Ah Kee, President	Celeste Lopez, Teacher Representative
Francie Maletis, Vice President	Alicia Payton-Miyazaki, Oak Knoll Principal
Lesley Geivett, Treasurer	Lindsay Nalevanko, OCC PTO Engagement Lead
Amy Kurpius, Secretary	Rachel Maclay, Financial Secretary*
Suzy Francisco, Communications Chair*	

Additional Attendees: None

Absent

- Maren Gernitis
- Karen Clancy
- Meredith Nonnenberg

Quorum present: Yes

I.	Call To Order & Welcome	Laura Low Ah Kee
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- The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by President Laura Low Ah Kee

II.	Bond Measure U Discussion	Laura Low Ah Kee
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- The purpose of this emergency PTO Executive Board Meeting was to discuss activities and events that recently occurred surrounding Measure U within the MPCSD and the MPCSD PTO communities. PTO President Laura Low Ah Kee provided the following background to the Oak Knoll PTO Executive Board on these events/activities:
 - MPCSD PTO Presidents were sent a legal opinion provided by Tom Willis of Olsen Remcho, who provides counsel to the school district on other matters, regarding PTO donations to the “Yes on Measure U Campaign.” PTOs were encouraged to check their bylaws regarding potential donations to the Yes on Measure U Campaign. MPCSD indicated that they are not getting involved in any recommendations or decisions related to PTO endorsement or monetary donations; these decisions are solely the PTOs’ to make.
 - On August 30, 2024, Hillview PTO Executive Board voted unanimously to: (1) Endorse Measure Measure U and (2) Donate \$10,000 to the “Yes on U” campaign using surplus funds from ‘23-24. The Hillview PTO Executive Board invited the MPCSD elementary school PTOs to consider an endorsement of the bond measure and a monetary donation to the campaign.
- The Oak Knoll PTO Executive Board discussed the above information as well as a number of considerations, including the detailed legal opinion provided by the attorney, Oak Knoll’s PTO bylaws, the PTO’s mission, donor intent, implications for the current fundraising campaign (OCC),

*Please note individuals absent by vote below.

precedent, and the availability of surplus funds from the prior school year (\$0 surplus at the time of this meeting).

- It was acknowledged that there is a distinction between individual support and PTO Board member responsibilities.
- The Oak Knoll PTO Board has two pathways to endorse Bond Measure U: Executive Board endorsement and, additionally, general membership endorsement/support; the Board may do both.
- After the discussion, the following votes occurred:
 - Francie Maletis motioned for the PTO Executive Board to endorse the Bond Measure U. Lindsay Nalevanko seconded the motion. This endorsement was approved by unanimous vote. (Please note, Suzy Francisco was not present for this vote.)
 - Laura Low Ah Kee motioned for the PTO Executive Board to not donate Oak Knoll PTO Funds to the Yes on U Campaign. Lesley Geivitt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously; one member abstained. (Please note, Rachel Maclay was not present for this vote.)
- A Special PTO General Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024 to further educate the Oak Knoll community on the bond measure and discuss a potential endorsement of the bond measure by the general membership.

III.	Adjournment	Laura Low Ah Kee
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- President Laura Low Ah Kee adjourned the meeting at 9:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Kurpius
PTO Secretary