



McKinley School Foundation of San Diego - Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6 pm - 7:30 pm**

In-person meeting, location: McKinley Teacher's Lounge

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**Officers:** Katy Strand (President), Laura May (Vice President), Krijn van der Raadt (Treasurer), Arwa Zakir Kakavand (Secretary)

**Voting Members:** Zosha Schoomaker (Teacher Rep), Cristina Thomas (Teacher Rep), **Carla Grossini-Concha (absent)**, Megan Matthew, Andie Thompson, Caitlin Hollaran, Jessica Thomas, Rachel Levin, Zach Wheatley

**Non-Voting Members:** Jonathan Morello (Principal), Ashlee Laielli (PTC Co-President), Brijet Myers (President Emeritus)

**AGENDA**

- 1) Meeting protocols & Member and community introductions 6 - 6:03 pm
  - a) Identify all board members, staff, and community members/guests
- 2) Meeting Minutes:
  - a) Immediate past [meeting minute](#) approval or amendments 6:03 - 6:10pm
  - b) Approved by those present (Katy Strand, Krijn van der Raadt, Arwa Zakir Kakavand, Zosha Schoonmaker, Cristina Thomas, Megan Matthew, Rachel Levin, Zach Wheatley)
- 3) Non-Agenda: Public Comment & Announcements 6:10 - 6:15 pm
  - a) Limited to 2 minutes

**No public comments**
- 4) Principal's Report / Principal Jonathan Morello 6:15 - 6:22 pm
  - a) Any Principal updates for the board
  - b) Wheel updates
  - c) First-grade classroom addition - The district is adding a new first-grade classroom.
  - d) Journalism Club
    - Conducting interview skills training sessions (approximately 5 meetings)
    - UPS sponsoring a monthly printed newsletter
  - e) Running club: recently started and progressing well.
  - f) Smart Lab
    - Students showing strong enthusiasm

- Three-week progression: Week 1 focused on ramp activities; Week 2 introduced doodle pens; Week 3 moved to creating new projects
- Taking a gradual approach to ensure proper management

5) Teacher's Report / Teachers Cristina Thomas and Zosha Schoonmaker 6:22 - 6:27 pm

- Any Teacher updates for the board
  - The 4th grade team is planning an in-house field trip featuring a Native American woman who will conduct storytelling and related activities. Should they use their existing field trip fund or submit a grant request, as they are currently \$40 over budget? The Foundation has agreed to set aside the additional funds to cover this amount.
- Have we landed on a solution for notifying teachers of upcoming PTC events? Communication: teachers will continue to read the PTC newsletter and the issue is resolved.

6) Foundation Budget & Balance Update / Krijn van der Raadt 6:35 - 6:42 pm

- About \$100k in the bank and \$10k through PayPal
- Will file taxes next week or so, ready to file.

7) Annual Giving & Corporate Matching updates / Zach Wheatley 6:42-6:52

- Meghan has been working on the rebranding efforts, which include incorporating Corporate Match as a permanent part of the fundraising strategy. Corporate Match can be embedded in the website (though there are associated costs), and this year the team plans to get creative with the approach. The program covers both giving and volunteer hours, helping to automate processes, though employees must work with their respective HR departments to process volunteer hours. The website will be updated with all relevant information, including links, surveys, and QR codes. The campaign will align with McKinley's birthday in February, moving away from the traditional Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year fundraising model. The initiative is being rebranded as the Magpie Pledge Fund, which will show families how much it costs for their child to attend Wheel.

8) PTC Updates / Ashley Laielli & Andie Thompson 6:52-7:15 pm

- Jog-A-Thon: 183 registered on Pledgestar, \$31k raised so far
- MTC: Audition signs up are out, there are still open slots.
- SoNo Fest: Throw-a-thon was a success
- Spring Gala: Venue is secured; caterers are going to be helping and making chili at SoNo.
- ASE: All ASE is at capacity
- Winter Social / Rachel Levin
  - Date: 12/11 (Thurs)
  - 5th Grade Committee will provide concessions
  - Committee will convene in the coming weeks and start planning
- JEDI: Pivoted on the theme for the first meeting; discussion around current events
- CARE / Andie Thompson: The first meeting went really well, with a clear focus on addressing food insecurity and food waste reduction. The group plans to reduce food waste on campus and bring back the compost program. Additionally, they aim to organize more community building events at JUP, including food drives and household product trading initiatives. The team is also exploring the possibility of creating a dedicated space where people can bring pantry and household items, and they would partner with JEDI on this effort.
- 5th Grade Committee / Brijet Myers

- Movie Night: October 10/17 (Adams Family)
- Halloween Costume donations (in front office): October 15/16/17
- Bonfire in Coronado: 11/09
- Working on SoNo booth and community chili
- Camp reserved, awaiting deposit: 05/01-05/03
- j) PTC Meeting: 10/09. Considering sending home flyers once a quarter with all upcoming events and announcements

9) Any other BOD Business

- a) President and Treasurer seats to fill next school year? Teachers to recruit new President/Treasurer?
- b) Cheryl Baker's going away (Fri at 2:30 p.m.)

10) Meeting adjourned

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