McKinley School Foundation of San Diego - Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 6pm - Meeting Minutes

2026-27 Board members
Officers: Laura May (President), Sureel Sheth (Treasurer), Jessica Yamada (Secretary),
Voting Members: Zosha Schoomaker (Teacher Rep), Cristina Thomas (Teacher Rep), Megan Matthew (PTC Co-President), Shannon Myers, Katy Strand (Zoom), Rachel Levin, Caitlin Hollaran
Non-Voting Members: Jonathan Morello (Principal) and Steve Braz (PTC Co-President)
Absent: Kassie Tompkins (Voting), Zach Wheatley (Voting), Andie Thompson (Vice President)

Meeting Minutes

Call to order 6:04pm

Introductions

- Motion to Adopt the Agenda – Approved (unanimous)
- Motion to approve the September 9, 2026 Meeting minutes – Approved (unanimous)

Public Comment and Announcements

- A brief announcement was shared about setting up the pop-up shade tents for the Kindergarten playground.

Principal's Report

- The Board discussed adding reading and math intervention support for students who are falling behind grade level. The goal is to benefit all students by providing additional academic support.
- The school is exploring how to structure this support, including how it would be distributed across grade levels.
- The SmartLab program is going well.
- A meet-and-greet with the middle school principal for families will take place later this week.

Teacher's Report

- Teacher representatives provided an update on reimbursements for year-end classroom supplies, which will be processed by the end of the week.

Treasurer's Report

- The Board reviewed the FY 2026-2027 financial overview. Cash outflow was heavier than usual this month due to several large program expenditures.

- The Treasurer asked the Board to consider moving a portion of the Foundation's funds into a savings vehicle to earn a better return. The Board discussed this and will continue to review the proposal.

Board Business

- Intervention Teacher Position (Approved unanimously)
    - The Board approved posting one part-time intervention position funded by the Foundation.
    - The cost and scope will be revisited once candidates are identified.
- Policies and Procedures Manual (Approved unanimously)
    - The final manual includes a conflict of interest policy, new policies on investments and reserve accounts, and administrative updates.
- Grant Request: Hispanic Heritage Month (Approved)
    - The Board approved funding up to the requested amount, with the condition that funds go directly to benefit McKinley students.
    - The Board asked for clearer information on how the funds would be used.
- Middle School Theatre Program (MTC) Proposal (Approved)
    - A parent presented a proposal for a more student-led, sustainable theatre program that would expand opportunities for more students and include new fundraising ideas.
    - Discussion covered scheduling, space, volunteer needs, and the possibility of including younger grades.
    - The Board approved seed funding, with the expectation that at least half of the investment will be raised through the program's own efforts and half of the allocated seed funding would be returned to the Foundation.
    - The Treasurer will work with the proposal's lead to make sure the request meets the Foundation's grant guidelines.
    - Board members discussed the importance of a sustainable funding model and a clear process for future funding requests.

Information Items

- The 2026-2027 committee updates were shared in advance for Board members to review.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm