**HAVENS PARENT CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday August 20th at 7pm in the Haven’s Library**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Passing of Roll Call Sheet:** Tara Boris

**Present at the Meeting**: Tara Boris, Lindsay Thomasson, Cori Kau, Anne Dolid, Jade Cameron, Erin Schultz, Mary Cret, Dana Jones Mitchell, Laura Maestrelli, Vanessa Spofford, Varun Saxena, Marisa Gardner, Jay Stock, Eveline Stock, Joy Nieman, Anne Hawkins, Betty Winnacker, Mandana Veiseh, Vanessa Oklejas, Laura Amen, Marta Calvo, Stephan Linter, Teebee Saunders, Fairuz Abdullah, Jeff Nguyen, Rob Phillips, Elisa Lee, Kelsey Tu, Amy Gurvitz, Tamisha Apodaca, Cindy Hinman, Tian Wang, Lexie Xu, Raquel Navarro, Farad Butr and Amber Chaudary

**Meeting called to order at 7:06pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

* Tara opened the floor for discussion of the May meeting – no further discussion
* Motion to approve: Laura Amen
* Motion seconded: Betty Winnacker
* All Board members were in favor. No objections. No abstentions.
* Minutes approved.

**Principal’s Report: Anne Dolid**

*School Values & Outcomes*

* School values: We are caring, we have courage, we have integrity. We are a restorative justice school. Our values are woven into the curriculum and during playtime.
* Tri-school focus for staff and community this year are trying to determine that students have learned a skill we are trying to teach. This is a tri-school focus.
* Haven’s specific focus is culture. How do we treat each other? How do we engage with each other?
* We also want to focus on behavioral learning outcomes. Specifically:
  + I can monitor my volume and control my voice.
  + I can have a safe body both in class and during transitions. *This is the primary focus for the beginning of the year.*
    - Running on the field and blacktop.
    - Teachers walk their classes.
    - Students have quiet voices in the hallways.
  + I can wait my turn.
  + I can stop and think before I respond.

*Beginning of the year logistics & communication protocols*

* Presented student bell schedule and daily flow/transitions between subjects.
* Teachers work seamlessly at grade level and share specific knowledge.
* Campus wide communication: Infinite campus is used for one-off and/or class specific messages. Highlights goes out weekly, please read it. Room parents will also communicate with their respective classes.
* Communication between school and home: If something has happened at home or news gets shared, please email your teacher. Don’t let things snowball. If you have a concern, please reach out right away. Teachers will be doing the same thing; if there is an issue, they will send you a note.
  + Please try to maintain the expectation of privacy for your child and other children. Don’t talk about issues within the community. It is hurtful and is not productive.
* Parent wide coffees: Anne hosts these for each grade each semester. This is a great way to discuss grade-specific issues. Look out for the dates in Highlights.
* Both Lori Morris, our school counselor, and Anne Dolid, our Principal, observe every recess at least once per week (e.g. each grade level once per week). If there are issues this allows them to catch them early.
* Puberty education has shifted from the end of the year to the beginning of the year. Parent education night is coming up, see Highlights for date. It is recommended that 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents (although puberty education is for 5th graders only).

**President’s Report: Tara Boris**

* Motto for the year is “the more the merrier.”
* HPC is here to communicate to parents and build community. We also advocate for volunteers and fundraise.
* We have a brand new website: [havensparentsclub.com](http://havensparentsclub.com/)
  + There is a ton of information on the website: merchandise, volunteer opportunities, etc.
  + We expect that each family will volunteer throughout the year. Parents, grandparents, and care givers are all welcome to volunteer.
* Family Fun Fest is this Friday night. Please come and learn about campus groups, enjoy treats for the kids, and meet other families.

**Fundraising Overview: Tara Boris and Amy Gurvitz**

* All HPC funds go back to Havens to support teacher enrichment, training, and campus improvements.
  + In addition to HPC dues, there are also fundraisers throughout the year. These are being finalized but included Good Eggs and Minted last year.
  + The Haven’s Dad’s Club is also a significant fundraiser for our school.
* Spring Fling: Funds are raised for all three elementary schools. The three elementary schools work together closely.
* Giving Campaign: Our largest district fundraiser. Funds go to all PUSD schools.
* There are various support groups that fund specific curriculum areas: arts, technology, etc.
* Sept 9th: Tri-school meeting at Wildwood at 7pm to dive into the Giving Campaign and Parcel Tax Campaign.

**Piedmont Education Foundation: Heather Frank**

* Website: [Piedmontedfoundation.org](http://piedmontedfoundation.org/)
* PEF raises funds for Piedmont schools and grants it to the Piedmont schools.
* Giving Campaign: largest PEF fundraiser of the year
  + Launches next Tuesday, August 27th. Wear purple on Tuesday to show your support for the Giving Campaign.
  + Goal is 100% parent contribution. Every gift counts!
  + Last year 72% of Havens parents gave last year, 100% of the parent board gave.
* Education Speaker Series: Another PEF fundraiser and also a wonderful community resource for subjects of interest to parents.
* California is 47/50 in per pupil funding nationwide. We have to fundraise to bridge the gap and give our students a quality education.
* If you are a new parent, please attend the new parent party to learn more about PEF’s fundraising activities.

**Parcel Tax: Heather Frank**

* Measure G: Parcel tax renewal. This tax currently comprises 25% of the district’s budget.
* Measure H: An additional tax of $.25/square foot. It is anticipated that this will bring in $2.6m for the district.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:19**