

TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 4:00 PM

GRIZZLY HILL SCHOOL - ROOM 4

	1. CALL TO ORDER																
	2. ROLL CALL																
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	3. ATTENDEES: Superintendent Scott Michael, Marisol Estrada, CBO Sunshine Bender, Diana Pasquini, Sam Hinrichs, Sarah Morgan, Kristen Snell, PTC representatives																
<i>Action</i>	4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14th, 2023 REGULAR AGENDA – Malik Goodman																
	<p style="color: red;">Mindi Morton makes a motion to approve the November 14, 2023 Regular Agenda, Lorien Whitestone seconds, motion carries as follows: (4/0/1/0)</p> <p style="color: red;">Malik Goodman-ABSENT Aubrey Puetz-YES Mindi Morton-YES Lorien Whitestone-YES Jonathan Farrell-YES</p>																
	<p>5. PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <p>The Board of Trustees welcomes comments and suggestions from the public. While no action may be taken by the Board concerning items not on the agenda, comments are important for District information and for possible future action. Due to time considerations, the chair may request that comments by an individual be limited to two minutes. Suggestions and comments from the public regarding items listed on this agenda should be raised during the comment period for the specific agenda item. (Education Code 35145.5; Bylaw 9322, Government Code 54954.3)</p>																
	Dupree Droddy Student Body President, Speaks on school lunches. Gives credit to the school and the staff in the cafeteria providing quality food for students.																

Action	6. CONSENT ITEMS. <i>These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board member, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion</i>	
Action	A. Approval of the October 10th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (see yellow backup)	
Action	B. Approval of coaches contract for Marisol Estrada and Judy Stead for girls basketball.	
Action	C. Approval of the October Warrants (see white backup)	
	<p>Mindi Morton makes a motion to approve 6A, 6B, and 6C, Lorien Whitestone seconds, vote carries as follows: (4/0/1/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman- Absent Aubrey Puetz-YES Mindi Morton-YES Lorien Whitestone-YES Jonathan Farrell-YES</p>	
	7. REPORTS	
Report	A. Family Resource Center Report - <i>Diana Pasquini</i>	
	<p>Kristen Snell reports on a new playgroup successes at FRC. Diana Pasquini gives a report on classes that are offered at the FRC. Updates on foodbank distribution amounts and families served. Shares new resources available to parents regarding health and wellness. Diana shares information on Toys for Tots participation. Speaks on collaborative events with Grizzly Hill students visiting the pre-school, as well as 8th grade students serving at Fireman's dinner. Commended their teacher as well as students. Introduces Sarah Morgan and her new roles. Sarah speaks on outreach efforts through the FRC and Community Schools project.</p>	
Report	B. Owens Financial Report - <i>Peter Ketchand</i>	
	<p>Peter gives a brief introduction. Shares the firm is starting the draw- down phase for the investment withdrawal approved at the last meeting. Gives details on amounts and distribution. Updates the Board on withdrawal amount percentages. There is a brief discussion of fees and fee amounts as they currently stand. Explains there may be a decrease in fees from the last estimation. Trustee Farrell asks clarifying questions on reduction of fees. Trustee Morton asks about other investors with Owens, requests for a Finance committee meeting for next meeting.</p>	
Report	C. Superintendent/Principal Report - <i>Scott Mikal-Heine</i>	
	<p>Scott Mikal introduces Kristen Snell, Candidate for Community Schools Coordinator Position. Kristen gives a brief introduction of herself. Trustee Farrell asks if she will be able to carry new and old positions. She will not. Gives a brief overview of plans for a</p>	

solution to her previous role responsibilities. Trustee Farrell asks Sarah if we will be able to continue FRC plans. Needs further approval from NCSOS. Scott Mikal clarifies there will be more information on the topic.

Scott Mikal presents an overview of school events... Trunk or Treat, had the largest turn-out we've seen. Also gives details on Halloween Dance, Spooky FRC, canceled trip to Ananada. Scott wants to continue to build our relationship with Ananda through future collaborative events. Updates Board on PBIS, BEAR store opening, PTC conferences, parenting class, girls basketball.

Facilities updates

Mild repairs are needed for alarm trouble code, not an impact to safety. Pop-visit for the kitchen and septic system went well. Scott updates Board on repairs to the solar system.

Trustee Farrell asks for clarification on the "true-up" bill affected by not having solar. Sunshine gives clarification on the increase of bills since no solar.

Scott Mikal gives an update on funding AB602, OPSC outreach, and hardship status. Scott continues to research and find alternatives to reaching hardship status. Essentially an appeal. Sunshine updates on Pre-school application of Title 5, confident she may be able to get approval by spring.

Update on school illness and attendance.

Trustee Morton requests a Superintendent report as part of the packet.

Report

D. Current Enrollment - Grizzly Hill School

Grade	TK/K	1/2	3/4	5/6	7/8	Total
Students	4/18	12/10	14/16	11/13	5/8	111
Teacher	Caughey	Clemens	Hobbs	Pearcy	Hinrichs	

Report

E. Little Acorns Preschool -*Pam Langley*

Class	M,W,F - Ages 3-5	T,Th - Ages 2 - 3
Students	11	6

Scott Mikal reports on behalf of Little Acorns. Enrollment updates and maintenance efforts.

Report

F. Teacher's Report/Field Trip -*Sam Hinrichs*

Samantha reports on Synergia field trip success. Students participated in various team building and cooperative games, as well as a low ropes course. Samm shared extended assignments affiliated with the trip, as well as details of the trip. Samm presented letters

		from students to board members reflecting their enthusiasm. She also shared fundraising efforts. Samm hopes to take the class again.	
Report	G.	Parent Teacher Club Report - <i>Aubrey Puetz</i>	
		Next meeting has not yet been decided. Also spoke on Trunk or Treat success. Large community turn-out. Updates on upcoming events.	
Report	H.	Student Services Report - <i>Cindy Browning</i>	
		Nothing to report. Cindy Browning home sick	
Report	I.	Board Report - <i>Trustees</i>	
		Lorien Reports- Asks what type of fundraising efforts are being led to fund sports teams. Asks how funds are being spent. Trustee Morton Reports- attendance to Owens Christmas party would be a good opportunity. Reports on electric buses. Shares findings on pricing and maintenance. Would like to have on the next agenda.	
	8.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS	
Discussion/Action	A.	Grizzly Hill Library Planning - <i>Scott Mikal</i>	
		<p>Scott Mikal gives history on item, why it has moved from a previous agenda. Shares slideshow presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● history of library and facilities use ● Celebrations of Library space use ● Challenges ● Misconceptions ● Vision/Goals <p>Presents Sarah Morgan's slideshow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 key practices of community schools network ● expanded and enriched learning ● re-imagining the library for various activities. ● best practices/staffing/ standards ● Extended learning opportunities ● Next Steps <p>(Trustee Puetz asks for clarification on bargaining negotiations for attendees.) Scott Mikal clarifies why it is necessary to make sure we are in compliance with how to staff the library due to union rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● other details/ hopes for spring opening <p>-Trustee Morton asks for clarification on times, uses, and staffing for library use. -Trustee Farrell questions potential use in the interim. -Sunshine Bender asks what is the potential for use of parent volunteers to help check out books. -Trustee Farrell remarks possible collaboration between parents and teachers.</p>	

Scott Mikal yields to board for public comment.

Kathy Kayser (parent representative), Speaking for Rene Renoir- full support of library utilization being more than during school time. After school/lunch opportunities.

Trustee Puetz comments there are two sides, not all teachers may support.
 Scott Mikal clarifies that in order to spend ELOP funds we must meet ELOP criteria, there potential for the library opening to meet some of these requirements.

Susanna Travis (parent representative)- Likes the idea of the library, worries about teachers being asked to take on more responsibility. Will they still have time to prep? Will it take prep time away and add more workload?

Sarah Morgan- responds- how teachers can use the library to imbed lessons with the use of the library. Use of different spaces can enrich learning.

Nicole- As a parent with students in all grades, loves the presentation and proposal. Can envision children with all different needs being able to utilize the space. Having a safe space for quiet learning or a place to go other than the playground.


Trustee Morton asks for clarification on computers being added.

<i>d/Action</i>	B. Shall the Board approve the recommendation of Kristin Snell as the TRES D Community School Coordinator? - <i>Scott Mikal</i> (see light green backup)	
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Trustee Morton-asks if summer school will be a large part of the job.
 Where will salary funding come from? Sunshine and Scott give clarification on where funding for the position was acquired.
 Scott Mikal requests a salary schedule be given to the Board.
 Future funding will come from Grants which are part of the roles/responsibilities.

Mindi Morton makes a motion to approve the recommendation of Kristin Snell as the TRES D Community School Coordinator, Jonathan Farrell seconds,
 vote carries as follows: (4/0/1/0)

Malik Goodman-Absent
 Aubrey Puetz-YES
 Lorien Whitestone-YES
 Mindi Morton-YES
 Jonathan Farrell-YES

<i>Discussion/Action</i>	C. Facilities Priorities / Needs and Processes - <i>Scott Mikal, Michael Reimenschneider, Katie Jones</i> (see salmon backup)	
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Scott Mikal introduces Michael, thanks him for his attendance.
 Scott reports-Has talked with Trustee Goodman to fill him in on all details of this item.

Scott shares he has received good feedback through his outreach efforts from community stakeholders. Outreach includes a community wide paper letter, joining Trustee Farrell at a Washington Water Board meeting, and a Community wide email. The reporting also speaks to a portion of the feedback that has been from outside of the school population.

Trustee Farrell gave feedback on his attendance at the Washington Water Board meetings-There was concern of where funds would be spent in Washington and the increase in taxes. Recognize the need for deferred maintenance. Not seeing much support for new build projects.

Scott Mikal speaks on outreach with Ananda, council members/school leaders. Got into discussion for how the breakdown of taxes will be distributed within their church. Positive feedback from Ananda. They want to stay invested with the community they are part of. Yields to Michael..

Michael reports- Loves feedback and connection made with Ananda. Encouragement to continue the community outreach efforts. Michael shares results of the survey thus far. Need to reach about 100 to create a healthy sample. Michael's report goes into detail on each question of the survey, sharing percentages, as well as comments made by survey takers. -Board requests a copy of survey results.

Moves to next item-Packet for the board to approve the order of an election to the issuance of a General Obligation bond. Election date March 5th. Michael debriefs packet information.

Trustee Morton asks for clarification on "all funds stay local" Scott Mikal clarifies that the money can only be used for Twin Ridges ESD. Money must go to Facilities in Twin Ridges ESD.

Michael moves to the full text of the measure. Would like to add a max making it more conservative than is required by law. Michael shares bond project list specifics and imports for detailed list.

-Trustee Farrell and Morton ask what type of philanthropy we have had. Michael agrees to drop "philanthropy".






-Sunshine brings up the point of technology that is already in place. Does it conflict with what is being asked on the measure. Michael agrees it is worth a second look.

-Michael shares the final 75 word summary for G.O. Bond.

Board thanks Michael for his work. Trustee Morton asks when we will meet for resolution. Scott proposes a special board meeting to vote on resolution on December 7th at 4pm.

<i>Discussion/Action</i>	D.	<p>Shall the Board Accept a \$2K donation for Art to Grizzly Hill? -Sunshine Bender</p>
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		<p>Sunshine Reports the donation will come from Margaret Broda. Money donated for art</p>
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		<p>supplies to Grizzly Hill School</p> <p>LorienWhitestone makes a motion to accept the \$2K donation from Margaret Broda, Mindi Morton Seconds, vote carries as follows: (4/0/1/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman-Absent Aubrey Puetz-YES Lorien Whitestone-YES Mindi Morton-YES Jonathan Farrell-YES</p>	
Discussion/Action	E.	CAASPP District comparison - <i>Scott Mikal</i> (see gray backup)	  
		<p>Scott Mikal reports on a comparison report with other districts. Findings shared with Trustee Goodman via phone call due to his absence. Scott shares how we are responding to results. The implementation of I-Ready for example. We are below the state average. Large volatility of our stats because of the size of our school. Small sample size.</p> <p>Trustee Morton questions if the work on the Bond Measure is taking up too much time. Could time be spent otherwise. Scott acknowledges time spent on bond and responds with examples of when he is in classrooms.</p> <p>Trustee Morton asks what is being done for teacher's reprieve and self-care. Scott links how the bond measure can have an effect on overall school performance.</p> <p>Trustee Farrell calls attention to how much time has been invested by Michael, only 34 responses is the feedback we've gotten, although positive really enough. Asks have we put the bulk of the work? What is expected of us and the school? Scott clarifies post DEC 7th is not allowed to campaign during staff time.</p>	
Discussion/Action	F.	Board Notice; Interest for Governance Positions) - <i>Scott Mikal</i> (see lavender backup)	
		Scott Reports-December is the organizational meeting. Clarifies Bylaws in regards to positions. Discussion on meeting dates.	
Discussion/Action	G.	Annual Review of Governance Calendar (see gold backup)	
		Scott-December meeting is a chance to revisit the Governance Calendar. Might consider moving some of the meeting dates with regards to I-ready/testing.	



<i>Discussion/Action</i>	H.	Shall the Board approve New Board Evaluation options tools?(see green backup)	
		<p>Discussion on Evaluation online vs. paper. Scott would like to adopt a governance handbook, and superintendent protocols.</p> <p>Scott proposes to skip the closed session.</p>	
	9.	PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS	
	10.	CLOSED SESSION	
	A.	Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)	
	B.	Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: Twin Ridges Teachers Association, California School Employees Association, SJR Chapter, Non-Represented Classified; Agency Negotiator: Superintendent Scott Mikal	
	C.	Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated/Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).	
	11.	RECESS /RECONVENE - Report Out on Closed Session – Malik Goodman	
	A.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957(b))	
	B.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: Non-Represented Classified. Agency Negotiator: Scott Mikal	
	C.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated/Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).	
<i>Discussion</i>	12.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION	
		Farrell- Requests discussion on Jiu-jitsu request classes, possible ELOP opportunity, composting program, revisit MT bus stop.	
	13.	UPCOMING MEETINGS: December 12, 2023	
	14.	ADJOURNMENT: 7:52pm	

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11/14/2023

Malik Goodman, Board President

Date

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Scott Mikal-Heine, Superintendent/Principal

Date