

**UMS Home & School Club Meeting  
Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @  
7pm**

**Meeting Attendees:** Angie Lu, Maureen Currie, Todd Feinberg, Rita Sohal, Jen Petroff, Rachel Duncan, Kathie Kippen, Denise Coleman, Audrey Mantell, Anne Haro, Vicki Woledge, Jane Findley, Navamy Srikanth, Megan Devlin, Katie Currie, Anne Haro, Losana Blair, Michael Nudelmann

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm**

**1. Welcome**

a. Maureen welcomed our special guests from the USD, Superintendent Denise Coleman, Rita Sohal, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jen Petroff, President of the USD Board of Trustees. The Board and Committee members introduced themselves. **2. Union School District Measure Q Presentation**

a. The Parcel Tax, Measure Q is coming up for a vote in March. b. Our schools are in the top 3-4% in the state. c. USD is funded at the lowest 1.5% in the state and is facing a \$3.7 million

dollar deficit over the next three years. d. Funding must be secured to protect academic programs and staff. e. USD receives limited state funding. f. The existing Parcel Tax expires in 2026 and can't be renewed without voter

approval. g.  
Measure Q

i. Proposed \$149 per parcel per year (less than \$13 per month) ii. With 66.7% voter approval, funding is intended to:

- attract, retain, and compensate highly qualified teachers.
- accelerate academic programs in reading and writing.

- advance exemplary programs in science, technology, and math.
- innovate staff training to propel instruction and learning to the next level.
  - iii. Funds stay in USD. Citizens' Oversight Committee ensures accountability.
  - iv. Exemptions available to homeowners aged 65 or older.
  - v. Go to [unionsd.org](http://unionsd.org) for more information or contact Denise Coleman with any questions.
  - vi. After the District representatives left the meeting the UMSHSC

discussed providing a donation to support Measure Q.

1. Principal Todd Feinberg mentioned that in the past UMSHSC has used funds from Bridge the Gap to support the Parcel Tax. 2. Jane Findley motioned to approve donating \$10,000 from the Bridge the Gap fund to support Measure Q. 3. Angie Lu made a second motion to approve. 4. All in attendance approved the motion to donate \$10,000 from the Bridge the Gap fund. **3.**

#### **Approve December Minutes**

a. Jane Findley motioned to approve. b. Angie Lu motioned second. c. All approved.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

a. Boosters increased \$3,702 from \$126,431 to \$129,223. b. Final at \$45,914 vs budget of -\$20,925. **5. New Business**

a. PLC Report - The district's auditor came to speak. Jen Petroff presented a draft of the presentation and PLC representatives provided feedback. b.

Nominating Committee - We are forming a Nominating Committee to

represent all three feeder schools. Please let Jane know if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, what position interests you for next year, and if you recommend anyone to the Board or the committee. **6. Committee Reports**

a. Hospitality - The committee provided a festive holiday lunch with a cookie station. They have a breakfast/snack event coming up. b. **Drama** - Auditions and callbacks happened in December and the cast list

went out the Wednesday before break. The first rehearsal took place today. Two casts of *The Wizard of Oz* will take place with 74 total cast members,

April 23-26. **c. Music Boosters**

- i. The Winter concert was held on Dec 19th (the gym was full). Council Member Pam Foley came to concert (she also hosted the Jazz band performance at Christmas in the Park).
- ii. There is a Chef's Night Out on Feb 5 at Pizza My Heart.
- iii. There is a Blossom Hill Festival on January 28th.
- iv. On January 30th some band members will perform the National Anthem at the Santa Clara University basketball game against Gonzaga.
- v. We still have two more concerts in March and May.

**Sports Boosters**

- i. January 31st is the Dodgeball Tournament (6-8 on a team and must be at least 2 girls). We are also registering adult teams. The district will participate again, but does not want to play against the teachers. Maybe they will play the students. Doors open at 3:30, with a 4pm start. Cost is \$5/person to watch.
- ii. There is a permission slip on the web site and we will start taking

registration next week. **e.**

**mPower**

- i. The second session begins on Monday Jan 13. This is the last one for eighth grade volunteers. The mPower coordinators welcome feedback from teachers and parents.
- f. Art Vistas**

i. Sixth graders had second project on Egyptian Art, Seventh grade finished their first project in December on African Art and they have the Chinese brush painting project in February.

g. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad Dance - No update.

h. Volunteer Coordinator - No update.

**7. UMS Administrative Reports**

- a. There were structural changes to the bike racks and we enlarged the area where the bike racks reside to accommodate more bikes.
- b. There was a Bike & Safety assembly and bike lights were handed out to students. There have been more bike accidents this year than in the past, so we take bike safety seriously and wanted to provide the students with more information on how to safely ride bikes to school.
- c. We are removing olive trees and replacing them with different non-fruit producing trees (since fruit trees require spraying).
- d. There will be an eighth grade assembly to go over expectations for the 3rd and 4th quarters. Eighth grade families will order their gowns online again this

year. Eighth graders will also have a field trip to Great America and we will go over rules and expectations when we meet. e. One week from Thursday is the eighth grade information night at Leigh High

School. Eighth grade students and parents are invited to attend.

f. Announcements - None **8.**

### **Comments & Questions**

a. Graduation will take place again at 2pm this year, but it is not the same day as the Leigh High School Graduation.

The next meeting will be held on **February 4, 2020 @ 8:30am in the Library.** Guest Speakers include Leigh High School Principal, Kara Butler, & a Campbell Union High School District Parcel Tax Representative.

**Meeting Adjourned at  
8:03pm.**