

**Havens Parent Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00pm Havens Library

**Call to Order/Welcome/Passing of the roll sheet-Rebecca Thornborrow**

Present at the meeting: Andrea Hamlin-Levin, Rebecca Thornborrow, Dana Lung, Heather Meil, Cory Smegal, Alissa Welch, Julie Caskey, Dave McMurtry, Heidi Upton, Elise Hatchell, Christina Vo, Hari Titan, Katie Sample, Liz Tahawi, Mary Beth Russel, Lorraine Seiden, Andrea Swenson, Krista Murphy, Cortney Allen, Roopal Desai, Marina Wang, Sarah Pearson, Doug Ireland,, Bob McBain, Jonathan Levine, Jen Cavenaugh  
**Meeting called to order at 7:10pm**

**Claire Arno/Chad Olcott:**

H1 Bond Measure on the November 8th ballot  
No argument against the measure  
Need to reach 60% of the community who don't have school aged children  
-Knock on people's doors  
-Need to get the word out  
-Havens is under the radar, Wildwood is #1  
Need to raise \$: (2) mailings- one next week and one before the election  
Established a real need for improvements. If passed, the work will take 3-4 yrs.

**Vote to endorse Measure H1**

==> motioned by Dana Lung  
==> seconded by Eileen Kwei  
==> motion approved with a unanimous vote

**Principal's Report: Anne Dolid:**

10/10/16 (Monday) Next Generation Science Meeting  
10/11/16 (Tuesday) LCAP Meeting

**Officer's Reports:**

**President's Report: Rebecca Thornborrow**

Book Fair Reminder

**Giving Campaign: Eileen Kwei:**

Giving Campaign Co-chair  
The campaign has launched. The goal is to raise 1.85 million/all money raised will go back to PUSD.  
Important to increase participation: hoping for 100% board participation. Increase average donation, nail down communication, \$1500 ask per student, letter outlines where the \$ is going, officially launched last week. We're currently at 10k.

**School Board Candidates:**

2 minutes to introduce themselves

Hari Titan: His interest in the school board began with Alan Harvey. He has a blog. His focus is on achieving a full day for kindergarten and STEAM

Andrea Swenson: Current School Board President. Both her kids went through PUSD. She's served on essentially every board. Hired current superintendent, board approved change to the instructional calendar, later start for PMS. Need to continue with the school board's success, especially with curriculum changing.

Julie Caskey: Need for parent voices in the planning process. Co-president for ALPS, wants more differentiated learning, also involved in PRAISE. Julie is an attorney who practiced for 20 years. Worked in city government. Her focus is on differentiated learning and social emotional curriculum. Feels this should be an inclusive process.

Sarah Pearson: Current school board member. Very aware of raising kids in a complex world, deeply involved in the schools, member of school board for the last 4 years. PUSD practices continued improvement, changes to the elementary school day will be implemented in the second semester.

Corey Smegal: Very involved in the schools, was Wildwood parent's club president, collaborated with tri-school to work together, worked on the Giving Campaign for 6 years, was treasurer, involved in PEF and the PEF grant process to show where \$ is being allocated.

Question: Do we have enough positive change happening in the district?

Corey: There's a strong evaluation process for administrators and teachers.

Sarah: Because of the union, teacher's can be tenured after only 2.5 years.

Administrators are on yearly contract. There's been a lot of work to make sure the evaluation process is effective.

Julie: Need to have more robust dialogue

Andrea: responsible for hiring the current superintendent, trying to be very careful about who they are hiring because of tenure

Hari: Genuine transparency

Question: How do you differentiate yourselves in how the \$ will be spent for H1?

Sarah: Main focus is that teaching and learning continues to improve. Looking at teachers, students and social emotional curriculum.

Julie: Has kids in the district and will until 2026. Differentiation can be better accomplished when the space and tools are available.

Andrea: Community input is key.

Hari: Evolution from measure H to H1, must maximize dollars spent.

Corey: 66 million is a lot, breaking down the financial piece, has worked with a lot of people in the community, consensus builder

Question: Diversity and inclusion-how do you address this?

Julie: Inclusive process policy, communication is key.

Andrea: The last Ed Speaker Series discussed race and how you talk about it with your kids. It's tricky because there is socio-economic diversity yet it's challenging because it's selective.

Corey: How do we get our kids outside of the bubble? Sports, community service. Important to talk about race and bring it into the curriculum.

Sarah: Involved in the Diversity Ed Advisory committee

Question: What's your #1 issue?

Andrea: Social emotional health for K-12. Kids are stressed and over worked. How can we change that?

Hari: Follow through on H1, STEAM, full day kindergarten, how to get the most out of the money.

Corey: Board transparency, improve communications, foster trust, and achieve more.

Sarah: How students can achieve a love of school and learning. Challenge success: not for kids to just 'do' school, but really love school.

Julie: Communication, schools function better when people have a voice, transparent process.

Question: Where do you stand in regard to special education?

Hari: Thought that money was being given to special education programs

Corey: Regarding dyslexia, there are new studies that prove early intervention is helping dyslexic students. If a learning difference is diagnosed, students are given an IEP.

Sarah: October is National Dyslexia month, trying to figure out how to best serve dyslexic kids, 13% of the district has dyslexia (350 kids), there is a director of special education.

Julie: Early identification and intervention. Area of growth

Andrea: Tasked with educating every child. \$ comes out of the general education fund. There is very little money that special education receives.

### **City Council Candidates:**

Sunny Bostrom-Fleming: Plan B&C if H1 doesn't pass. Promoted camera license readers, removal of pittbulls, avoid deferred maintenance.

Jen Cavenaugh: Volunteered at Beach, budget advisory, importance of strong women having a voice, fiscal responsibility, public safety, infrastructure.

Jonathan Levine: Piedmont is a community of volunteers, planning commission, environmental task force, city council, good perspective on how the city works.

Redesign of the pool. Fairness, openness.

Bob McBain: Vice mayor, 3 Havens graduates, 2012: city council, positioned well based on financial security. 37% decrease in crime in the last 4 years, renovating Hampton field. Hired several new city employees because of many retiring.

Question: What do you think about having a commercial center?

Bob: Piedmont Center for the Arts and Mulberry's are fairly new additions. There isn't a lot of space for more.

Jonathan: We've looked at many options and are constrained due to lack of space.

Jen: There has been an assessment of facilities: Veterans Hall, Rec Dept. Looking to reach out to the community to better use the facility

Sunny: There are many clubs and organizations to get involved with.

Question: How to better partner with the schools?

Jonathan: The mayor is the liaison to the school board. City and school community need to communicate better.

Jen: New liaison happening, however, it still needs to be better laid out. Healthy relationships work, hopefully, Rec dept can work better with the schools.

Sunny: Relationship between the city and schools is vital.

Bob: Many opportunities for collaboration, liaison committee mtgs ebb and flow.

Question: What is the city's biggest challenge?

Jen: Infrastructure, tech is circa 1987, efficiency, morale, millions of dollars in deferred maintenance. Breakdown of what is necessary and prioritize needs.

Bob: Strong financial discipline, \$ in reserves. We're in a better position b/c of the steps we've taken to be more financially responsible.

Jonathan: Environment, climate change, will need a new climate plan in 2020.

### **9:45pm Adjournment**