



Notes

Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization (CLIPCO)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Muir Elementary School, 6560 Hanover Drive, San Jose, CA 95129

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm (in person or virtual)

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Attendees:

Position	Name1	Name2
President	Edison Chiu	
Vice President	Margaret Leung	
Secretary	Diana Ong	
Treasurer	Patrick Chiu	Wendy Briggs
Kindergarten	Carolyne Sohn	Liz Lim
1st Grade	Lisa Sung	Fori Wang
2nd Grade	James Pacella	May Wong
3rd Grade	Kimberley Seok	Alice Hampton
4th Grade	Selena Lee	Kevin Jung
5th Grade	I Lin Chen	Joan Cheng
6th Grade	Summer Zhao	See-Eng Phan
7th Grade	Simon Chung	Elly Park
8th Grade	Loretta Lu	Julie Siripoke
Muir Principal	Jenn Lashier	
Miller Principal	Anu Iyer	
Miller Assistant Principal	Deborah Lopez	
669 number	Linda Harjano	

Blue means present

1. Preliminary

1.1. Call to order at 6:12pm

2. Principals' Reports

*Jenn Lashier, Muir*

- For the 5th graders, they will be completing the healthy kids survey tomorrow. We have started our inaugural candy gram- one candy gram has a personalized note + candy cane, cost is \$1 or 10 husky treats. Sales collected this week and distributed next week. Parents can send candy grams too. Every child will get at least one.

- We are wrapping up after school soccer, the last game is scheduled for next Fri. Next Fri is spirit day before winter break, Pajama Day, and maybe can bring a favorite stuffie depending if the teacher allows.
- After winter break, John Muir is in the next rotation of superintendent's award on Jan 15. Class pictures are on Jan 16. Oral competition for CLC is on Jan 21, should have been sent out on parentsquare. Mandatory parent information meetings for new CLIP families start on 12/19 10:30am virtual. Jan 8 noon, Jan 15 11am, Jan 24 9am.

*Anu Iyer, Miller*

- Dr Blake Brandes assembly on growth mindset will be on Thurs afternoon (part 2 of his presentation, he presented part 1 last year). Asking kids to wear spirit wear (either their Mustang shirt, or blue & white for snowflake winter day). On Fri, the teachers in the elective department will be sharing information to the 6th graders. The elective choice is a little earlier this year. Next week SEL Tues, 7th graders will be taking the healthy kids survey. Next Wed is elective night for current 6th & 7th graders, where you will be able to tour the elective classrooms. Next Thurs they will complete their elective form. iReady diagnostic testing #2 for reading and math is ongoing. These will be used as a data point for math placement and for intervention courses. After the return from winter break, there will be a few short weeks before the end of the first semester.
- For incoming 6th graders:
  - shared at 10/17 board meeting- desire to align all the middle schools in CUSD- equitable learning time and planning time for teachers, 8am start, intervention courses within the school day. (these have all been achieved in the last 1-2years) still to do: SEL class, 2nd electives for 7th&8th graders (25-26 school year)

-Why more electives? support personalized learning and educating the whole child. personal growth, diverse skills, well rounded education, future interests.

-Why a transition course? Students need the following skills to function well in the classroom (all middle school teachers came together and decided what is important skills for a 6th grader to have). Skills: set & achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, make responsible decisions, understand and manage emotions.

Currently at Miller, there is a quarter long bridge course in the wheel class. a little bit ahead of the game already a transition like class happening.

Over the last month, a team of teachers, counselors and administrators, have developed a new model for 6th grade electives. This team considered each and every student. They considered neighborhood, CLIP, special ed, language learners, and those that need intervention services.

The elective form has been sent out to current 5th graders. They have a half year of bridge course, and then choice of wheel or semester long band or semester long choir. 25% of beginning band consists of CLIP students. These new semester-long music courses will require teachers to develop curriculum for these classes and they need time to develop the music pathway. We are aware that this is a concern for parents. Will keep parents updated.

Comment: 5th grade kids/parents have been asked to choose an elective right now, but there has been no parent meeting with Miller about elective choices or an ability to ask questions. There will be an incoming 6th grade presentation in Feb, but will current 5th graders be able to change elective selection at that time? Ms Iyer will take this feedback into consideration.

Learning skills course (specialized academic course, 15 kids, kids have goals for IEP - reteaching of concepts, time built in for HW etc) & ELD take precedence over an elective, but could have overlap with transition course. This will be looked at. Kids with special circumstances in the CLIP program will be handled on a case by case basis.

3. President's Report

- express gratitude and thanks to the board members and principals, it has been a privilege to work with you
- CNY parade practice is going well.

4. Board Vote Items

- November Meeting Minutes Approval

Jim motions to approve November meeting minutes, Fori seconds  
14 yays, 0 nays, 0 abs

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Kindergarten	Carolyn Sohn Yay	Liz Lim Yay
1st Grade	Lisa Sung Yay	Fori Wang Yay
2nd Grade	James Pacella Yay	May Wong absent
3rd Grade	Kimberley Seok Yay	Alice Hampton Yay
4th Grade	Selena Lee no vote	Kevin Jung Yay
5th Grade	I Lin Chen Yay	Joan Cheng Yay
6th Grade	Summer Zhao absent	See-Eng Phan Yay
7th Grade	Simon Chung Yay	Elly Park no vote
8th Grade	Loretta Lu Yay	Julie Siripoke Yay

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- Updates
  - tax return in progress
  - \$10000 teacher endowment, \$5k donation + matching. donating family wanted it to as close to the teachers as possible
  - \$69k pending from Benevity, \$14k from Cheddar Up payment plans
- November 2024 Income
  - \$9k income :
    - \$1.5k DGC donations
    - \$4.7k corporate match
- November 2024 expenses
  - \$403k expenses :
    - \$400k 24-25 1st staffing bill
    - \$1.5k assembly
- November 2024 P&L
  - ~\$280k Net Income
- Balance Sheet
  - ~\$1.04M
- November financials - Jim sign-off

## 6. Public Comment

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. Investment Strategy

- Current investment strategy is working (in bond funds & conservative investments), ~\$24k earned in FY23-24
- Investment committee observations
  - Current investment portfolio meets our needs for risk

- Treatment of gains limits compound growth capability
  - Opportunity to save for future
  - Opportunity to seek greater risk/return investment
- Investment Committee Proposal
  - Exclude investment income from annual budget (3%)
  - Invest investment income more aggressively than the reserve
    - Up to 100% equities
    - Low-cost index ETFs only (e.g. VOO)
  - 5yr duration could get an additional \$20k - this could be used for capital projects. This will be ratified during the budget talks for next year.

#### 7.2. Muir Soccer Field

The soccer fields at other schools are much nicer. At Muir, we had to put cones for kids to jump over. Coach Dye has a youth group that does volunteer service. If CLIPCO provides the soil, part of their project could be filling the holes in the field.

#### 7.3. 5th and 8th Grade Promotion

8th grade promotion - kick off in Jan  
5th grade day - need date confirmation

#### 7.4. TK

TK is universal next year, so the first rollout is to all neighborhood schools. 26-27 school year it maybe be rolled out to alternative schools, details still TBD

#### 7.5. Lunar New Year

Jan 29 - Lion Dance / Percussion Performance at Muir  
 JAn 31 - singing performance at Muir  
 Jan 31 - Lion Dance / Percussion Performance at Miller at Lunch  
 Jan 31 - LNY Gala @Miller Middle School  
   Food - 3 Kingdoms, presale after break  
   Boba - Teaspoon  
   Booths - TBD  
   Talent Show for all grades  
   Silent Auction - Will start on Jan 15 and end Jan 31  
   Save the date before we go out on winter break  
   Decorations - cloth backdrops  
   order snake shirt by 12/16

#### 7.6. Upcoming CLIP Schedule

- December - January - 3 Kingdoms HotPot Fundraiser / Teaspoon
- Dec 11 - Board Meeting

- Dec 20 - Muir Pajama Day

8. Adjourned at 7:44pm

**Upcoming meeting**

Board meeting – Wed Jan 8, 2024