



**MPF Meeting Minutes  
December 17 2018**

***Mission and Vision Statement:***

*MPF is the non-profit foundation dedicated to supporting and enhancing the ENRICH! Program. MPF does this by providing volunteers, direction and funding for these programs in cooperation with the GUSD school board, administration, teachers and staff.*

**Members Present:**

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| 1. Megan Kaun     | Secretary      |
| 2. Rick Brody     |                |
| 3. Bill Nolan     |                |
| 4. Mike Bollinger | Vice President |
| 5. Beth Craven    |                |
| 6. Tim Allen      | Treasurer      |
| 7. Jill McLewis   | President      |

**Faculty:**

- William Deeths
- Jennifer Schwinn
- Keri Pugno

**Guests:**

- Sean Miles
- Cara Miles
- Doug Evans
- Steve Schwartz (GUSD)
- Beth Bollinger
- Sarah Tendall
- Erin Hillmer
- Jeri McNeill
- Claudine Richmond
- Tessa Hill
- Alexis Boutin
- Lori Jones
- Jennifer Koelemeijer (GUSD)

- Alexander Kahn (GUSD)
- Allie Brown
- Jim Horn (GUSD)

**Proceedings:**

**Meeting called to order: 1808h by Jill McLewis**

**Location: Hillcrest school STREAM lab**

**A. Public Comment**

None

**B. Superintendent's Report - Jennifer Schwinn**

1. GUSD decision to change to one program in 2019/2020 school year

Superintendent Schwinn gave an overview of the recent GUSD decision.

From Steve Schwartz (President GUSD Board): Details are not worked out but the GUSD Board feels confident to in being able to bring Enrich to the entire District. The GUSD Board has not taken a position on whether there should be one or more parent organizations. GUSD would like to support MPF in supporting the District in whatever way the MPF Board chooses.

Questions and Answers

**1. How will Gravenstein fund Enrich for all?**

GUSD believes that Gravenstein can fully fund the Enrich program for the next 5 years using reserves. This was roughly calculated by: MPF's budget 300K/year \* 5 years = 1.5M (total saved by Gravesntein district to cover any shortfall). (GUSD Board Member Horne)

The District can technically continue this supplementation as long as they continue to receive the State "basic aid supplement" (~1.6M/year that the State gives Gravenstein.) It should be noted that the District does not count on getting this supplement forever. (GUSD Board Member Horne)

Ideally, the District will come up with a 5 year plan to make the program financially successful.

GUSD calculation uses the current MPF budget for its \$300k figure and extends it for 5 years. The reality is the total Enrich student levels will roughly double next and subsequent years as all students will now participate. This means the \$300 number jumps to \$600 and the \$1.5m will last 2.5 years not 5 years as GUSD asserts. (Board Member Bill Nolan)

80% of the District parents said they would be willing to donate money to the program (Superintendent Schwinn).

**2. The email that went out to the Gravenstein community was unclear and seemed to say that nobody needed to pay anymore. Is there a Marketing plan? How will the information that families still need to contribute to Enrich be communicated?**

Gravenstein is working with a marketing firm to develop a more holistic approach to communicating this information to the school community (GUSD Board Member Koelemeijer).

### **3. What's the backup plan if Enrich for all is not successful?**

There is none, GUSD thinks the current plan can be funded (GUSD President Schwartz).

40% of the families are contributing to the program in the Kindergarten discovery program. (Superintendent Schwinn)

True acceleration in the middle school will be possible with the new program. Teachers are not currently able to teach the accelerated model. Parents at the middle school level will be able to see the difference. (Principal Deeths)

### **4. What about the teacher's union? A lot of the changes will need to be negotiated. How will this factor in? What are we hearing from them?**

This is a question that came up a lot in staff meetings. What resources can we put in place to make sure all kids get the support they need (keep academic rigor high and have the District support resources for kids that need it). This topic will continue to be discussed at Staff meetings. The dual program has unfortunately created a staff divide. Staff was surveyed anonymously and they are overwhelmingly looking forward to teaching in a one school program. Hillcrest staff are also very supportive of a one school program. (Principal Pugno)

#### **In summary:**

GUSD is committed to go forward with programming as it is currently in the Enrich program for the entire school. There will be an accelerated program at Hillcrest. Academic rigor will continue for all students at Gravenstein. The District is committed to supporting kids that need extra help and extra challenges. There is no plan to separate the children by academic level at Gravenstein. (Superintendent Schwinn)

Ms. Allie Brown - Thanks MPF for the support it has given her classes over the years. The Enrich field trips have taken years to develop and are very important to her and the Enrich teaching community. She is very glad that more students will be able to benefit from these experiences. She hopes that families continue to donate and advocate for these experiences so they can continue in perpetuity.

### **C. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Tim Allen, Jill McLewis**

#### 1. Financial statements

Jill has gone over invoices with Wanda and they all check out. Tim presented the financial report. We currently have enough funds in reserve to fund the Enrich program until the end of the year if nobody continues to donate.

#### 2. Update on pledge levels and overall financial status

### **D. President's Vice President's/Governance Committee Reports (Rick Brody, Jill McLewis)**

#### 1. MOU Approved

MOU was approved at the last GUSD meeting.

2. GUSD decision to move to one program
3. Future of MPF
  1. Discuss proposed resolution

Board member Rick Brody: presented a proposal he prepared for the dissolution of MPF.

President Jill McLewis expressed the desire and support for moving to a one parent fundraising program.

Vice President Mike Bollinger: Enrich was formed so that we could provide our kids with more than “just school”. We cannot pass this resolution tonight without further discussion. Who is better able to run this program? MPF may be because it has the experience. If dissolving MPF ends up being the right way to go he will back this proposal 100%. At present, however, he need more time.

Board Member Beth Craven: One parent fundraising organization would be very healthy for the community. MPF was formed for one thing and that thing is changed. Conceptually getting behind GSF says a lot about becoming a cohesive community.

Board Member Bill Nolan - We carry particular fiduciary responsibilities. We live in a litigious society. Families may not be happy if MPF money is used for a one school program.

Board Member Tim Allen - He likes the idea of creating a 3rd organization. From a marketing perspective it may be easier to have a 3rd organization. Could we merge MPF with GSF now? The name has to change.

Board Member Megan Kaun - If keeping MPF around will make the transition easier for the District we owe it to the families MPF represents (over 50% of the student body) to do our part and keep MPF in operation. Seeking legal advice on how to proceed should be a priority for MPF. Megan asked the GUSD Board and Gravenstein Administrative Staff what they would prefer. What would make the one-school Enrich program transition move smoothly? Dissolving MPF or continuing to operate for the near term? GUSD Board Members Horne, Koelemeijer, and Schwarts, and Superintendent Schwinn said that keeping MPF in operation would make the transition easier for the District.

### **Motion to table the vote on the resolution to dissolve MPF**

Moved by Mike B, second by Megan K

4 ayes

3 opposed

0 abstentions

Jim Horne

- MPF and GSF boards should meet and discuss a path forward.

**I. Meeting Adjourned 1945**

Megan K moves, Mike B seconds

Vote unanimous (7 ayes).