



Annual Association Meeting - Summary

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, 8:45am

WES Library & Zoom

Board Members

President: Tori Humphrey & Mary Wilson | Vice President & Membership: Tori Humphrey & Mary Wilson | VP Fundraising: Jean Liang & Christina Warren | VP Green Committee: Sean McBride & Jessica McBride | VP Sustainability: Kristin Herzog & Anne Earp | VP Community Events & Hospitality: Ana Arguello & Yonaira Bell | VP Class Budgets: Melody Westervelt | VP Room Parents: Natalie Whearley | VP Student Programs: Sonee Arce & Meghan Cress | Financial Secretary: Sugely Benitez | Historian: Rowan MacNiven | Secretary: Anna Ouellette-Massiou | Treasurer: Kristen Dunn | Auditor: Chris Boitnott | Webmaster: Michelle Ahlstrom | Outreach (WIDC): Katie Johnson | Parliamentarian: Thomas Sylvia | VP May Day: Rachel Ream

DISTRICT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Superintendent Steve Frank)

Bicycle & E-bike Safety

- E-bikes are prohibited on campus; off-campus parking is designated.
- Students may only ride Class 1 & 2 e-bikes (no speedometers).
- E-scooters require permits or a driver's license.
- Students must walk bikes on paths and avoid narrow construction areas.

Facilities & Strategic Planning

- New kindergarten classroom foundation is complete; framing is scheduled for October.
- Excavation uncovered footings from a previous building.
- Parking remains limited due to increased staff.
- Strategic plan includes a new mathematics framework and upcoming AI usage guidelines.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE (Foundation President Beth Nash)

Annual Fund Campaign kicks off October 21st with Gratitude Event at the Hub (5:30-7:30pm, babysitting available). The annual auction provides 15% of the school budget; raised \$2.5M last year. Grand Auction scheduled for May 16th.

ORIGINAL ART PROGRAM (Art Teacher Amy Harmon)

- Program provides funding for school's art supplies.
- This year's theme: food, meals, and traditions.
- Preview magnets and order information will be sent home in the first week of October.
- Order deadline: October 17th; delivery by November 21st.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **2025-26 PTA Budget approved:** \$76K (break-even goal with 3% cost-of-living increase).
- Membership goal: 110 families and 15 staff.
- **Class funds** now managed by PTA in separate account; reimbursement forms available at the office.
- Surplus funds will support the 8th-grade Operetta and expenses for that cohort.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Back-to-School BBQ: September 12th (149 tickets sold, volunteers needed).
- Holiday Photoshoot: October 5th at Portola Valley Town Center (15 slots).
- Garden Fest: October 16th (raises funds for garden program and scholarships).
- Evening in the Garden: Spring date TBA (funds scholarships).
- High School Panel Info at Sellman: October 14th.
- Pumpkin Carving Contest: October 21st.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

- **WIDC:** Planning Global Unity Event and VIP Dance; seeking co-chairs and bilingual class liaisons.
- **After School Enrichment:** Chess and Art with Shazia underenrolled; working on student transfer logistics.
- **Sustainability (new committee):** Focused on eco-friendly events, reducing plastics, and organizing swaps (Halloween costumes, sports gear).
- **May Day:** 104th year tradition; seeking Grand Marshal ideas for November approval.