Board Agenda
January 20, 2026

Present:
Absent: Michele Anberg-Espinoza
Additional Non-Voting Participants: Deborah Wallace, Executive Director; Donna Heller, CBO; Sergio Izaguirre, FITMOT; Morgan Storment, Assistant Principal

Note Taker: Michele
Facilitator: Wyndi
Time Keeper: Cal

Mission and Vision: Partnering with parents to nurture the Heart, Mind, and Spirit of the child as they explore the world and discover their gifts.

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Call to Order	5:30	Wyndi			
Roll Call	5:30	Wyndi			
Public Comment			Any visitor may address the board on any topic for up to 3 minutes. The board will not take any action during this mtg.		
Approvals/ Consent Agenda		Wyndi	1.1 Approve Agenda 1.2 Approve Minutes 1.3 Approve New Employees/ Resignations	**New Employees:** **Michael Fiene, Lead Custodian** **Yadong Lu, STEAM assistant**	Motion: Todd 1, Cal 2 approved

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				Discontinued Employment: Yesenia Salgado(Maternity leave)	
2. Reports		Deb	2.a Principal's Report	Family STEAM Night Jan. 21–Grants MS Dance Jan. 23 Toluca Exchange Trip Feb. 14-28	Math night turned into STEAM night- will be in middle school wing. Drones, math games, math art, life science- a lot of activities hosted by our teachers. MS dance on Friday- middle schoolers have been having a great year Toluca exchange trip coming up. Students have just found out who their host family is. Mix of 6th-8th graders.
			2.b. Acknowledgment of Donations	2.b Board to acknowledge donation of Drum set for band class by Rob Crane	Rob Crane (Deb Wallace's brother) refurbishes drum sets and redid one in school colors and delivered to the school last week.
			2.c. Capital Campaign Task Force Report	2.c. Tickets for the Car raffle Bingo Nights, Grant for McConnell, Gala	Planning on tickets for the car raffle. Working on trying to plan some events like theme bingo nights. Discussion on what percentage of Gala proceeds will go towards the gym. McConnell has some grants we are looking at applying for and there may be additional funding beyond what is on the formal grant.

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			2.d Teacher Feature: 2.e. Student Council Report 2.f Amigos Report 2.g. Comments from Board Members	2.d. ELC Leads Presenting their Problems of Practice TK-1st: Monica Spillane Jimenez 2nd-3rd: Grace Grant 4th-5th: Natasha Drake 6th-8th:Jacob Rude 2.e. Elise Bentley, Kalea Benthin 2.f. Michael Miller, President 2.g.	Many teachers are participating in NorCal ELC where they are working on big picture problem solving (problem of practice) and implementing a target intervention. Middle School ELC Group- problem of practice- inequities in access to academic and behavioral supports. Intervention: diversified circle times specific to students expressed need. Data was collected through a climate survey. Areas of focus in circle time- School climate and safety, health and self care, self talk and confidence, home life and support, digital citizenship, belonging and identity. Circle time groups are mixed grade and that same group rotates through different topics every 3-4 weeks. 4th/5th ELC Group- problem of practice: writing is over scaffolded and students are struggling to produce quality writing independently. Objective: by June 2026 increase of student rigor in writing strategies. Next steps: middle school cohesion. 2nd/3rd ELC Group: Problem of practice- DRA test scores and reading comprehension. Main factor for the problem- vocabulary. Goal: bring Spanish comprehension levels for non native Spanish students from 64%

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					to 80% by the end of the year. TK-1st ELC Group- focus: early literacy. Student Council reps will begin coming to meetings next month. Student council update: change for change and concert donations raised $2500 to send to Love No Limits orphanage in Nigeria. Amigos update- working on restructuring and new non profit status which should be ready to go by the gala.
3. Financial Rep		Donna	3.a. Approve Warrants 3b. Solar Report 3c. 2024-25 Consolidated Application approval 3.d. 2024-25 Financial Audit	3.a. Board to approve December warrants 3b. Board to hear report on Solar buy out 3.c. Board to review and approve the Winter Release 2024-25 ConApp 3.d Review and accept the Unaudited Actuals for 2024-25	Motion: Warrants Cal 1st, Todd 2nd- approved Informational: Were paying $35K per year and now we will be paying $0. Need to clean panels to increase functionality by 20%. Nim 2–we can't add more Kilowatts but can replace as they need it over time. In future will need battery for storage. Motion: 1st Heidy, 2ndTodd, approved Motion: 1st Cal, 2nd Todd, Approve

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4. Old Business		Sergio Sergio, Donna	4.a La Hacienda Improvements 4.b Update on Middle School Construction Grant	4.a Board to hear update on the improvements and projects at La Hacienda 4.b. Board to hear update on status of New Construction and Rehabilitation Grant	Informational: Solar door and chicken run on chicken coop Informational: Fire pump is moving forward. New pump and fire suppression system will be placed in parking lot in front of the well house. Rm 15-18 rehab begins tomorrow. Will fence off the bathrooms and all classrooms. Tentative completion date April 30.
5. New Business		Deb Wyndi	5.a Prop 39 Response	5.a Prop 39 Response from Casade. TLC response	Action/Information: 5.a A few changes to this years prop 39 proposal from Cascade- beginning to take into consideration how many students from in district vs out of district are part of Tree of Life. Also changes in bond money distribution- not that we will not get bond money but that it is unsure what that will be. Potential of a pro rata share- more info will come after a meeting with an attorney by March 1 2026. Cascade does not currently have a need for campus space and is not proposing utilizing any of the campus space at this time. Cascade superintendent is encouraging his board members to visit Tree of Life and proceed with a goal of mutual respect. Acknowledgement of Tree of Life

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					bringing life back to the school campus. 3% may change to pro rata share after Cascade discusses with attorneys- dependent on a calculation. Pro rata share would only be improvements that we agree upon. Accept the 3% in exchange for utilizing campus rent free- discussion on the pro rata piece will happen when we have more information. Motion: Approve prop 39 response Todd 1st, Litza 2nd, approved
			5.b Board Handbook	5.b Board to discuss creation of a task force to write a Board Manual	5.b. Task force: Wyndi and Todd- handbook will be ready for presentation to the board by June
			5.c SARC Report	5.c.Board to review and approve the 2024-25 School Accountability Report Card	5.c. 1st Cal, 2nd Litza, Approved
Adjourn	7:28	All			Meeting Adjourned!

Next meeting: Feb. 24, 2026 5:30pm Meetings will be held at the school in Rm. 28.