

Mayfield Schools Liaison Committee (MSLC)

Minutes

Thursday, August 22nd 9:00-10:00am Gates Mills Community House

Attendees: David Atton, Larry Frankel, Officer Arch Kimbrew, Sean O'Hagan, Robin Polack, Meghan Perez, Jim Stafford

I. Committee Business:

- a. Discussed upcoming Village Meeting hosted by the Gates Mills Improvement Society and MSLC to discuss upcoming district levy
 - i. Due to an existing law that has recently been enforced, school district administrators and staff have to be extremely careful not to appear to be advocating for the levy while serving as a representative of the district or in an official capacity. Given these restrictions, the Village Meeting will not include an update on the state of the schools from the Superintendent and Treasurer, and will instead focus on the levy and include representatives from the Levy Committee.
 - ii. Jim, Sean, and Meghan are working to secure a date that will work for the levy consultant and chair of the Committee.
- b. Report on Levy and Levy Committee:
 - i. Meghan shared a one pager (attached with minutes) highlighting some key facts about the levy including the priorities it is intended to fund. She encouraged members to share this information with their fellow residents.
 - ii. Members discussed that if passed, the levy will be enacted on 2023 assessed market values and not the new estimated values to take effect in 2025.
 - iii. Members discussed holding a vote on whether the MSLC endorses the levy at the next meeting. Principal Ravida, Officer Kimbrew, and Audrey Dvorak would abstain from the vote given their connection to the district. Members also discussed whether Village Council will also take a vote. Council member Atton indicated he thought that a vote to endorse the levy would pass, although it may not be unanimous.
- c. Review upcoming board meeting schedule
 - i. 8/28-Central Office Lower Level, Irene P. Kay Board Room 5:30pm
 - ii. 9/24-Gates Mills Elementary School, 5:30pm; Pillar Talk begins at 4:30pm on Our Students (David to attend and share notes)
 - iii. 10/23-Millridge Elementary School, 5:30pm; Pillar Talk begins at 4:30pm on Our Operations (Robin to attend and share notes)

- iv. 11/20-Mayfield Middle School, 5:30pm; Pillar Talk begins at 4:30pm on Our Community (Jim to attend and share notes)
 - v. 12/18-Mayfield Preschool, 5:30pm; Pillar Talk begins at 4:30pm on Our People (Larry to attend and share notes)
- d. Updates on GMES, Middle and High School
- i. **GMES:** Meghan shared that students are doing one on ones with their teacher's today and tomorrow in advance of school starting on Monday, August 26th. Various back to school activities will occur over the next few weeks including Popsicles on the Playground the Friday before school starts and Donuts at Dawn. Arch said that the current enrollment at GMES is 121 students. Meghan and Sean agreed to reach out to the district as we have done previously to get information on the number of Gates Mills residents across the various schools.
 - ii. **MMS:** Now that Robin's daughter is at MHS, she will start providing those updates and Sean will switch to MMS. Orientation occurred this past week, with 6th graders having their first transition day into the building.
 - iii. **MHS:** MHS students also started this week, and Robin noted a new policy is in effect at the school related to cell phones. Students have to put their phones in a bin in class, and if they are caught with them in the classroom a certain number of times the privilege of having phone at school could be revoked.
- e. Next MSLC Meeting
- i. Meghan will put together a doodle poll for scheduling the next MSLC meeting.
- f. Adjourn

Minutes prepared by Meghan Perez



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It's been more than 8 years since the schools have asked taxpayers for additional funds. Now, our community can unite to protect the programs and student and family supports that make our schools strong. Your vote FOR the Mayfield Schools levy will:

- **Stabilize funding** for at least 4 more years.
- **Improve safety and security** in all facilities, including secure windows, doors, additional cameras, etc.
- **Provide mental health and other student support**
- **Strengthen math and literacy programs.**
- **Expand career readiness programs** in health care, construction and trades, engineering, and other high-demand fields.
- **Ensure our earliest learners have support** and programs to start their educational careers on the right foot.

**This levy will be based on 2023 property values and not the new reappraisals.*

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