

MSPA Joint Meeting

March 14, 2018 (8:45 am - 10:08 am)

Welcome! Partners in Education--PIE Eating Contest

Mary Pinkus, US Co-President, and Alli Deeter, MS Co-President

To celebrate Pi Day, Mary and Alli showed a pie chart of the components of the Menlo community. Then some faculty and students had a pie eating contest.

Updates

Than Healy, Head of School

Monday was Professional Development Day for the faculty. There, Menlo started to develop a philosophy of assessment, as opposed to simply grading. Denise Pope of Stanford facilitated the discussion.

Every month, Menlo has dozens of visitors from other schools because it is seen as a role model.

Six US drama students went to cheer on a 6th grader in an outside play this weekend. That is Menlo.

The US students have planned and will execute the walkout today. However you feel about the underlying issue of gun control, you have to cheer the kids for engaging in democracy.

Than ran into an alum at the Menlo basketball game this weekend. Georgetown denied her, so she ended up at USC. She loves it and wished that everyone senior year would have known that she would be okay. Than hears stories like this all of the time.

La Vina Lowery, Middle School Director

The MS will walk around the campus during the planned walkout today. Four 7th graders helped with the planning. Thirty kids have elected to stay in tutorial.

La Vina is hiring some new faculty; she is looking for teachers with experience in teaching and the MS age group.

The MS play was good, and the Dance Show is coming up.

WASC Update

Katharine Hanson, US History and WASC Chair

Every seven years, Menlo must be accredited by WASC. To get WASC accreditation, Menlo will need to produce a 700-page document about the budget, curriculum etc. All constituents are involved: students, faculty, parents, and administration. Instead of just going through the motions, Menlo is using the WASC accreditation as an opportunity to do a deep self-study.

MSPA Council Slate for 2018-19

Elizabeth Dumanian and Angie Ball, Nominating Co-Chairs

The parents unanimously voted to accept the entire slate for the 2018-19 MSPA Council. The slate is:

Secretary: Ruby MacMitchell
Assistant Treasurer: Brian Goler
VP Communications: Tracy Wang
VP Parent Resourcing: Gretchen Wyatt
VP Parent Education: Lisa Westrich
VP Student Enrichment: Gaby Banatao
VP Faculty/Staff Support: Jennifer Jeffries
VP Community Building: Flavia Herrod
VP Community Outreach: Reema Shah
Co President elects: Liz Weingart and Jenn Miller

Hard Day's Knight

Kim Guthrie, Jill Layman, and Katherine Kelly, Auction Co-Chairs

Reminded parents to register soon as registration closes this week.

Peninsula Bridge

Rolando Victoria, US Spanish and Menlo School Site Director for Peninsula Bridge

Peninsula Bridge needs US student TAs for a five-week academic program (6/25-7/27). The application deadline of 3/30 is a soft date. Please reach out to Rolando if your child is interested.

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