

Hammer Montessori Foundation

Monthly Board Meeting

Tuesday, 3/10/26 | 6:30 PM | Hammer Elementary Room 120

Online meeting link: www.tinyurl.com/hmf-meeting

Agenda:

Attendees:

Voting board members:

Kristen Vlietstra, President & Fundraising Chair

Lynn So, Vice President

Jasmin Llamas, Co-Treasurer

Elmer Garduno, Co-Treasurer

Nina Chantalat, Assemblies and Field Trips Chair

Tatyana Mogannam, Events Co-Chair

Kay Gonzales, Events Co-chair

Marilia Inoue, Communications

Not present:

Katy Bosworth, Secretary & Web Admin.

Mr. Bingham, Hammer Montessori Principal

Ms. Raychev, Lower Elementary Teacher Representative

Mr. Kossayan, Upper Elementary Teacher Representative

Meeting Details:

- I. Call to Order - 18:40
- II. Approve Prior Minutes
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Reports of Officers and Committees
 - A. Principal
 1. The Math Festival was incredible! Thank you HMF for supporting this.
 - B. President and Vice President
 - a. President
 - i. 5th grade graduation plans

- May 28th (Thu) **AI: Marilia to add to Konstella calendar.**

ii. How do we want to handle fundraising around WAT

- Options to incentivize donations. Should we ask for donations to a charity?
- We are funded to support the core programs we have.
- Clarify that funds will only be used for field trips, materials, educational programs.

iii. Have we received payment for the garden fence?

- Has the payment come directly to the bank account
- No yet, Kristen to followup with the Donor

iv. Voting ideas for WAT t-shirt

Link to T-Shirts:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kjL-W-vXiasRTSxB9AO2v879ji_NVqcONmroINWkJPu/edit?usp=sharing

Keep the blue,

- We will do online and offline votes
- **AI: Marilia to prepare the form for Thursday weekly** with updates

V. teacher appreciation week

- Last year we did potluck.
- **AI: Kristen to check with Mr Bingham what we did last year.**
- **AI: Lynn to take AI to copy from Mital last year.**
- Retirement party to Ms Salm

b. VP: SoT -what has happened so far

- i. **Committee progress:** The Schools of Tomorrow Implementation Committee (STIC) met on Feb 10, Feb 24, and March 3 to develop recommendations for "ideal" elementary school models.
- ii. Recommendations are due by **March 12** to address declining district enrollment
- iii. Current options under consideration (as of 3/10/26)

1. **Status of Galarza:** Galarza remains open in all remaining scenarios.
 2. **Status of Hammer:** The future of Hammer Montessori varies by option:
 - **Option 2.2:** Hammer stays put; adds students from Terrell (SDC) and Lowell (non-SDC).
 - **Option 2.3:** Hammer moves to **Rachel Carson**; adds students from Carson (SDC) and Lowell (non-SDC).
 - **Option 8:** Hammer moves to **Gardner**; adds all Canoas students.
 - **Option 9:** Hammer moves to **Canoas**; adds all Canoas students.
- **The "Keep Galammer Together" Response**
- **Coalition Success:** Joint advocacy has successfully eliminated several unfavorable options and kept Galarza open in current scenarios.
 - **Advocacy Milestones:** * 2,000+ signatures on a petition and 2,000+ emails sent to leaders.
 - Organized a Town Hall with Trustee Carla Collins and engaged local media.
 - **Current Focus:** Shifting from "saving Galarza" to ensuring **Hammer Montessori is not displaced** from the Galarza campus.

How You Can Help

Here are **six simple ways to support the effort:**

1. Show Up

Strong turnout demonstrates community support.

STIC Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 – **4:30 PM**

SJUSD District Office

855 Lenzen Ave., Suite 105

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 12 – **6:00 PM**

SJUSD District Office

2. Follow & Share

Follow **@galammerstrong** on Instagram and share with at least three neighbors.

3. Stay Connected

Join the **Teach Our Kids SJUSD** Facebook group and engage with posts about Hammer.

4. Take 2 Minutes to Act

Participate in the email campaign if you haven't already.

5. Save the Date

Community march planned for **Saturday, March 21**

8:00 AM — starting at **San José City Hall**, marching to the district office.

6. Check New Boundaries


Look up your neighborhood school for **2027–28** and let neighbors know if their assignment has changed.

C. Events Planning Chair

1. Walkathon (April 24th)

- Theme “We are better together”, cultural posters
- Shirts
- Displaying shirt design
 - 30-35 options
- Giveaways
 - Button.
 - **AI: Kristen to look at non-stabbing options or keychains.**
- Lap Counters
- Fundraising page
- Group to lead the organization?
 - How much participation we want from parents
 - Having a committee in place at the beginning of April.
- Snacks for walkathon
 - **AI: Tattyana to follow up with Mital about how much snacks we need.**

D. Treasurers/Bookkeeping

1. FTB - All requested items submitted, approval letter received
2. Submitted CA Statement of Information (bi-yearly requirement)
3.  Non-Profit Filing Requirements
4. Account balances: Checking (\$50, 364.44); Savings (\$57,606.96)

E. Fundraising

1. AI: Kristen to follow up with garden fence donor

F. T-Shirt Sales Update

- 1. Kristen updating it, slowly but surely!

G. Field Trip and Assemblies

- 1. Kindergarten Field Trip, Thursday, April 30th Emma Prusch Park
- 2. Working with Mr. Bingham on dates to schedule Spring Assembly
 - a. How do you feel about budget for this and next year?
 - i. We will need to update it for next year because the assemblies are getting more expensive.
 - ii. By the last HMF meeting of the year we should have a figure for how much we want for next year.

H. Web Admin/Communications Chair

- 1.

I. Teachers

- 1. 1st and 2nd grade went to a farm and they loved it! Great experience!

V. Unfinished Business:

VI. New Business:

- 1. Reimbursement checks
 - a. Salian, Jayashri \$139.70 Allison Montessori Materials (Check # not recorded, best guess is #1188)
 - b. Kossayian, Robert \$187.88 Classroom Materials Check # 187.88
 - c. Kappen, Kent \$797.81 Check # 1189
**We figured we would pull our funds to make sure we were able to get enough classroom equipment to have Pickleball, Volleyball as well as Baseball units. I put the entire amount on my credit card. (Emily and Stephen cc'd on this note)
 - d. Raychev, Nicole \$360.70 ETC Montessori + Classroom Materials Check # 1190
 - e. Kristen Vlietstra \$229.63 Playground Balls Check # 1191
 - f. Elmer Garduno. \$255 FTB Payments Check # 1193

25	01434D	FY'2013
25	00147D	FY'2014
25	05456D	FY'2015
25	08133D	FY'2016

25	06379D	FY'2017
25	06368D	FY'2018
25	02098D	FY'2019
40	00765D	FY'2019
40	08562D	FY'2021
255	Total	

g. Griggs, Joseph \$443.26 Classroom Materials Check # 1192

VII. Voted Items:

- 1.

VIII. Action Items/Next Steps:

- 1.
2. **AI: Marilia to add to Konstella calendar.**
3. **AI: Marilia to prepare the form for Thursday weekly with updates**
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5. **AI: Lynn to take AI to copy from Mital last year.**
6. **AI: Kristen to look at non-stabbing options or keychains.**
7. **AI: Tatyana to follow up with Mital about how much snacks we need.**
8. **AI: Kristen to follow up with garden fence donor - One donation showed up today - The other should show up soon - Kristen**

IX. Closed Session 19:35

X. Calendar/Comments/Announcements:

1. Next Board Meeting Tues., 4/14/26

Adjournment -