

MOUNTAIN OAKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE SELECTION INFORMATION AND 2019 ELECTION TIMELINE

To Our Mountain Oaks Community (families, staff and friends),

It's time once again for our annual election of the Mountain Oaks Board of Directors! For those of you who are new to Mountain Oaks (MO), our Board is comprised of five members who are a mix of parents and community members. The Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee, also sits on the Board in an advisory capacity. The Board is responsible for "all formal and legal governance" of the school, as stated in the current, 2014 MO Charter. The Board is elected annually by a secret ballot of the MO stakeholders, who are defined in the current By-Laws as members of the MO Corporation: "Each family unit with student(s) enrolled constitutes one Member, which shall be entitled to one vote. Each staff member and each director of the board constitutes one Member. In the event a staff member or Director is also a part of a family unit that Member or Director shall not be entitled to an additional vote for being a Director or a staff member" (By- Laws Section 3.1). As MO has always been a "parent choice and member-driven school," each family is entitled to one vote in the election.

Candidates for the Board of Directors are selected in one of three ways:

1. **Nomination by the Board Development Committee** to be part of the official "slate" of candidates for the Board. Names are proposed by the committee members, contacted to see if they will accept the nomination, approved by the Board Development Committee, then presented to the MO Board of Directors for approval as part of the official slate of candidates. Once approved by the Board, they are included on the ballot.
2. **Self-nomination by petition.** Any stakeholder or community member who wishes to be included on the ballot may pick up a petition from the front office at any MO site, and obtain the signatures of at least 7% of the current stakeholders. For the 2019 election there are a total of 414 stakeholders, so 7% would mean 29 signatures are needed to validate the self-nominating candidate's petition. Petitions must be received by 1/18/19 at 4:00 p.m., and should be given to the Administrator (or Samantha, the Registrar). Once the signatures are verified, the petitioner will be added to the ballot.
3. **Nomination from the floor at the Annual Retreat.** (The Annual Retreat is held the 4th Friday of January and is the annual business meeting for Mountain Oaks School. All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to attend). Anyone may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Retreat, and all those so nominated are then subject to a confirmation vote of those stakeholders who are attending the Retreat. The confirmation vote is done by secret ballot following the close of the nominations at the Retreat. No proxy votes are allowed. Results of the confirmation ballot will be available by Tuesday, 1/29/19. The confirmed candidates are then contacted by the Administrator, who reviews the job description and answers any questions about the time and commitment expected of a MO Board member. The candidate must be willing

to accept the nomination and respond by the 2/1/19 deadline. If so, they are added to the ballot.

The current MO Charter requires “Members shall elect Directors by secret ballots no later than 40 days after the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mountain Oaks School” (Section 4.3). The election is by secret ballot, and the voter participation required for a valid election is a quorum of 14% of the total eligible stakeholders. For the 2019 Board election a quorum equals 58 stakeholders/voters.

The election is overseen by an Independent Election Inspector (IEI) appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board has appointed Scott Nanik, Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools, to be the IEI for this election. Voting is done electronically through a secret ballot, although the option to opt-out of the electronic ballot and request a written ballot is available. Those wishing to vote by a written ballot must contact Scott Nanik to obtain the written ballot. Scott’s email is snanik@ccoe.k12.ca.us and his telephone number is (209) 736-6008. The election will begin on Monday, 2/1/19 and will close on 2/26/19. Written ballots must be postmarked by midnight on 2/26/19, and electronic votes must be cast by midnight. No proxy votes are allowed

Results of the election are given to the Board Development Committee by 3/6/19. The Board members are installed at the March 13, 2019 Board meeting. This year three positions on the Board of Directors are up for election. The current Board is comprised of:

Lisa Lynch, President	(term ends in 2020)	Parent member
Kathie Rusk, V. President	(term ends in 2020)	Community member
Kelly Steinhoff, Secretary	(term ends in 2019)	Parent member
Janette Crouson, Treasurer	(term ends in 2019)	Parent member
Jeanette Lay, Member	(term ends in 2019)	Community member

The slate of candidates for the 2019 election is comprised of:

Kelly Steinhoff, incumbent/parent
Janette Crouson, incumbent/parent
Jessica Lindahl, parent

For more information, please contact the MO Administrator, Anne Colman, at (209) 754-0532, ext. 2252, or acolman@ccoe.k12.ca.us

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