HEAD-ROYCE SCHOOL

NLC MEETING AGENDA + MINUTES

May 29, 2026

Introductions (Jerry)

- Committee Members:
  - Murali Naidu – Board of Trustees Facilitator
  - David Gross – neighbor (**absent**)
  - Rodney Thompson – neighbor
  - Anne Purcell – neighbor
  - Ricky Lapidus – Interim Head of School
  - Ana Gomez – Director of Operations
  - Jerry Mullaney – CFOO
  - Others:
    - City of Oakland representative – Iris Merriouns, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Ramachandran

- Summer Program (Ana)
  - June 15 – July 10, 2026
  - Heads Up has 124 students
  - Summer Program will have 120 students max
  - Total number of students: about 244
  - Last day of school June 3; promotions and graduation June 4–6
  - First day of school Aug. 17; staff return Aug. 10

- Vegetation Management (Jerry)
  - SC is being maintained meticulously
  - NC is in great shape; inspectors coming in a couple of weeks, we are well prepared

- Summer Projects (Jerry)
  - No big building plans that are noteworthy
  - Building S (formerly known as Building 9) in South Campus that we do want to upgrade, but no internal consensus on when it is starting
    - Will keep light construction, questionable if starting at all this summer
    - Rodney commented that the Blg. 9 construction project would be least impactful to neighbors if it were to occur during the summer months

and during a period when the Loop road did not need to be used for pick-ups and drop-offs.

- Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation Plan (moved item up)
    - Rodney commented that a Mitigation Measure approved by the City Council stipulates that the school's Emergency Evacuation Plan is subject to review and approval by the OFD, with input from Emergency Services, OPD, and the Department of Transportation, and that the Plan shall consider those recommendations included in former Oakland Fire Chief Bill Weisgerber's peer review/comment letter
    - Jerry responded that the school submitted an updated Emergency Evacuation Plan to the city but never received a response from OFD, so took the non-response as an indication that no modifications were needed. Iris from Councilmember Ramachandra's office offered to follow up with both the fire department and planning department to determine the status of the plan and clarify the implementation process.

- Bicycle markings request from neighbors (Ana)
    - Ana met with two neighbors wanting to promote bicycle safety, and want support from neighbors and school with the City of Oakland. The group discussed the City of Oakland's 2019 Bicycle Plan and how Lincoln Ave. is not part of the plan.
    - Groups agrees that it is probably not the best time to make requests from DOT

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Rate monitoring process
    - Head-Royce School hired DKS to monitor and count carpools at our loop. Counts happened March 12th and April 30th - 45% of families dropping off in SC are carpool; when combined with walk/bike/bus enrollment, we have 57% of our student population coming to campus on a non-single-occupancy basis
    - Rodney asked if the school is willing to share copies of the TDM rate monitoring reports from March and April, and he questioned why the reports are not being included with other TDM-related reports that are submitted to Oakland Planning. Jerry responded that in order to determine if the TDM rate reports will be shared with Oakland Planning or with neighbors, they will consult with their attorney and with Oakland Planning.

- Open forum

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm