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Cc: [Claudia Morlan](#)
Subject: 8:30 am call
Date: Monday, October 10, 2016 8:25:28 AM
Attachments: [Teacher - Parent talking points.docx](#)
Importance: High

AGENDA

- Quick update from Jason Spencer
- Comments on talking points (attached)
- 10am Meeting with Rodriguez.
 - o OK for Bob to leave at 10:55?

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To: Teachers and Parents of HSPVA
Fr: Alene Haehl
Re: Agenda Review Meeting; 4:00 pm, Monday, October 10, 2016

Thank you so much for giving your time to HSPVA on this important day. The Agenda Review meeting is at HISD headquarters on 18th street. You will need a photo ID to sign into the building. Please arrive 20 minutes early if possible.

It is ok to approach board members before the meeting, introduce yourselves and ask them to support the Kinder Foundation gift to HSPVA Friends. Several board members are already in support. Some are not. The points below are provided to help you with your conversations.

Talking Points

- The gift assures that HSPVA will be built with the very important arts features that make HSPVA an excellent school! We aren't doing this for my daughter, we are doing it for future students.
- **I hope we can count on your support.**
- Our school needs a complete, state of the art theater
 - o Professional level audio visual and sound
 - o Rehearsal Rooms
 - o An orchestra pit
 - o A dance floor.

"Rich people can't buy our schools. Our schools are not for sale."

HSPVA Friends sees naming the school after the Kinder Foundation as a THANK YOU allowed by HISD Policy and here is why:

- HISD, The Board of Trustees, HSPVA Friends and the School are all in a very tough spot.
- HISD designed a state-of-the-art school that matches the high quality arts education HSPVA provides.
- Construction costs forced HISD to modify their plan. If there is no gift, there will be no arts features.

Imagine no practice rooms, no-where for the orchestra to sit in the theater, no where to make sets, to paint, to sculpt, to make art.

- HSPVA Friends was asked to raise allot of money very quickly, and we did.
- Fortunately we have a donor who believes in HSPVA very much Again, we see the naming as a THANK YOU for helping us through a very TOUGH SPOT.

This isn't equitable. It is not fair to other schools.

- I don't know what we can do about equity throughout the entire school district.
- I think if we could figure out how to make all schools equal, we would do everything in our power to make it so.
- Here is what I can tell you about HSPVA.
 - o HSPVA offers state of the art excellence that is equally accessible to all HISD students
 - There is no "zone" like you would see at West U Elementary.
 - Any HISD student can audition.
 - Grades are not considered in accepting students.
 - o Open to all. We think that is the definition of equity.