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OUSD breaks ground on new multi-purpose room at Sleepy Hollow Elementary

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On a sunny Valentine's Day morning, the Orinda Union School District broke ground to start building a new multi-purpose room at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. The new building was conceived in response to a plan by Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief David Winnacker to provide a fire-resistant building where students and staff could shelter in the event of a wildfire. Another part of that plan was the installation in 2019 of a 10,000-gallon water tank, which would enable a fire engine to pump water over the building while a fire passed through the area. The 7,000 square foot state-of-the-art building will provide space for physical education, school assemblies, lunch and performances, and features large roll-up doors to provide for indoor-outdoor events. It is expected that the building will be ready for use by Aug. 1, 2023.

From left: OUSD Facilities Director Stuart House, Board Member Jason Kaune, Board Member Cara Hoxie, Superintendent Aida Glimme, Board Vice President Hillary Weiner, Board Member Liz Daoust, Board President Carol Brown, Principal Patsy Templeton and OUSD Director of Business Services Regina Webber. Photo Sora O'Doherty

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