

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 12, 2020, 17:00, Zoom

Attendees:

Haylie Lott, Vice President
Maria Bloomfield, Community
Brian Wahlert, Treasurer
Angie Cook, Co Fundraiser
Cheryl Meyers, Co Fundraiser
Sylvia Andrejczuk, Secretary
Elizabeth Martin, Teacher Representative
Nick Vanderpol, Principal

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes:** Approved July 8, 2020 meeting minutes
3. **Bylaws:** A motion was made to approve the 2020 bylaws amendments. The motion was adopted.
4. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **Fundraising (Angie/Cheryl)**
 - i. Spirit Wear
 1. First-draft Cheddar Up site is available:
<https://foothill-elementary-spirit-wear-preorder-2020-21.cheddarup.com>
 2. September 1, 2020 launch
 3. Adding fox face masks
 - ii. Fund the Fox
 1. dates TBD
 2. Areas requiring financial support: at home/online learning
 - iii. Give to Grow was online auction, July 15-19th
 1. Raised over \$8,000
 - iv. Color Me Mine fundraiser as a 20-21 option
 - v. Original Works: Suzanne Whitman is brainstorming how to keep this fundraiser in place (one of the most popular)
 - b. **Community (Maria)**
 - i. Had 2 New Parent Zoom calls in July. Good turnout.
 - ii. Connected Peggy and Ross Philip (H@S) to update Help at School Directory and sent it to new and current Foothill families to add or update directory information.
 - iii. Proposal to set up a forum for Foothill Community to share information. Purpose to support one another through information sharing around available resources in the community, playdates/meetups, etc. We will continue to discuss with an electronic vote week of September 17.
 - c. **Treasurer (Brian)**
 - i. COVID relief fund
 1. \$6518 raised for families in need.
 2. 250 \$25 Safeway grocery cards purchased at 4% discount (\$6000 cost). Ilce is distributing one card per family per week.
 3. \$518 remains in the fund.
 - ii. July Give to Grow virtual auction raised \$8273. Additional corporate matching funds expected. We should discuss how we will use these funds. Here's what we said in announcing the auction:
The money we raise from the event this year will be earmarked for classroom supplies, computer technology (including distance-learning resources), and enrichment activities like the Foothill Maker Space and Garden to Table program.
 - iii. Bricks to Grow: On hold
 - iv. Fund the Fox
 1. Historically FTF kicks off late August; 2020 kickoff late September.

2. Last year, we asked for \$275 per student, with a goal of raising \$75,000. Those funds were allocated as follows:
 - a. \$18,741 for bilingual community liaison
 - b. \$9647 for health room paraprofessional
 - c. \$9300 for computer technology
 - d. \$6000 for supplemental classroom materials
 - e. \$5000 for staff professional development
 - f. \$5000 for principal's COVID relief fund
 - g. \$4919 for office support
 - h. \$16,393 in other expenses
3. Given that 2020/21 is going to start with home learning, and may be all home learning, what do we want to fund this year? And what level of contribution do we want to ask of our families?
 - v. We closed the books on the 2019/20 school year. We ran a surplus of \$13,183 for the year, but most of that surplus is due to Give to Grow, which raised \$8273 to be spent in the next school year. We have \$32,458 in the bank as we start the next fiscal year.

5. Principal's Report (Nick)

- a. Each grade will be taught by teachers from that grade. If BVSD moves to Phase III, Teachers may move around to ensure student needs met (ie: 4th grade Teacher covers a 3rd grade class)
- b. First three days will be educational: digital responsibility,
- c. Some cost savings will be realized (District paying for seesaw, fewer paper supplies, para/playground monitor positions eliminated, some office positions resigned and are not coming back so have become leaner). The cost savings will allow Foothill to fill a more urgent parent need: hire staff to serve as tutors and to fund Community Liaison position. Ilce helps families that need help: 10% of Foothill Community are at poverty line. This number can increase as pandemic runs its course.
- d. Nick to set up new family non-kinder only and new kinder families webinars.
- e. Nick will communicate around the end user experience families can expect: each student will have the same experience (All Teachers will be teaching the same material in same format).
- f. Next update will be September 22, 2020
- g. Nick to do webinar next week (August 17 and 18, day and evening) to provide a plan of action for Foothill..

6. President's Report (Garret)

- a. Garret was not present

NEXT MEETING: Sept 9, 2020

PTO MEETINGS HELD 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH TIME AND FORMAT TBD