

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 21, 2024; 1.30pm

1. Welcome (William Hamilton)

- a. Attendees: Sennen Knauer (principal), William Hamilton (president), Katie Schneider (Treasurer), Tiffany Gwyther (fundraising), Denise Stoot-Taylor (secretary), Lisa Rice (Teacher liaison).
- b. Motion to approve February 15, 2023 meetings minutes. All attendees vote in favor and minutes are approved.

William acknowledges that Boulder sits on unceded land that is within the territories of the Ute, Cheyenne and Arapahoe people, furthermore he likes to acknowledge that 48 tribal contemporary tribal nations are historically tied to the lands that make up the state of Colorado.

2. Officer Reports

a. Fundraising (Tiffany Gwyther):

- Tiffany discusses dine outs: She has Abo's set for April 3rd. Abo will donate 10% of all sales so there is no need to mention Foothill. It is the night of the PEN presentation. We must send out an email with the date.
- Herbs & Bake Sale: Discussion about this idea. Do we get treats, donuts/ or just lemonade / popsicles? We decide we will get some easy baked goods. We need parent volunteers! This event is a community builder to get people together, said William. It is not a huge fundraiser, and the time commitment will be 1-1 ½ hour commitment.
- Tiffany will set up this event, Denise offers to help.
- We need a Venmo account as well. William has an extra phone number we can use for the Venmo account.
- Dine out dates are Sweet cow (May 1st) and Santos (May 20).

B. Community:

- The PTO has enough quorum to vote Chiara in as the new community liaison.
- Discussion about other roles. The Secretary role will be transferred to Morgan Scout in May and the role for VP is up for discussion. PTO would like the role of VP to cover the volunteering and community building.
- Discussion about the 5th grade graduation and about volunteers. Sennen said that Chiara volunteered to help with the 5th grade graduation and has ideas for next year. Proposal to create a google folder with email distribution per class, with link to teacher, classroom parent, back to Chiara and PTO. Goal is to be building a team at grade level. If communication comes from Chiara, more parents will be reached on a personal level.
- Lisa, Katie, William and Chiara will be 5th grade parents next year.
- Quick discussion about the Bike Bonanza since the Abrahms are working on it. We need to coordinate further, says Sennen. Jen Mitchell had proposed to merge the event with the end of school party which sounded a lot to Chiara. William will reach out to Tim

about moving the date to May 16th. Lisa suggests they meet separately, William, Chiara, Tim and coordinate together. Chiara needs to get more information regarding this event and the end of year party to give her more clarity on how this event must be organized.

- April 24th is the Bike-to School date and 5th graders leave for Calwood.

c. Treasury (Katie Schneider)

- Katie will set up Venmo further so we can use it for the next event.
- Short discussion about budget 2024-2025: she shares the line items. Couple of big items are staff appreciation, Fund the Fox with a 82% participation rate. William suggests everyone look at this and let us know what you think is needed for next year.
- Katie will share it on google docs. She will share on pto-board
- Staff appreciation: more funds donated from parents. We received \$2600 for teacher conferences. Gift cards or big meals? Tiffany asks what do teachers prefer? Lisa reports it is easier to have community food, instead of doordash orders. William suggests catering, and bringing some extra food. Decision is to continue to provide meals for conferences while staff appreciation is a separate purpose.
- Katie said we can separately budget \$4000 for staff appreciation next year and \$1500 for conference meals. We have 8 conference nights in the year, 4 in fall/4 in spring.
- The talent show was canceled, so no budget needed. We have scholarships for Calwood and pay for kids to have life learning after school. Do we need more? Yearbooks etc.
- Katie will discuss it again in the next meeting. We need a break even budget and not have another loss in the budget.

d. Communication (absent)

e. Principal's report (Sennen Knauer)

- Discussion on the memorial for Mrs. C either on April 30th or May 1st. There is still a need to plan and maybe we need to ask for funds. TBD until after spring break.
- PTO discusses how to communicate with the parents and what/if to ask for.
- Sennen says the teacher appreciation baskets are doing well. It's a TLC station with snacks, tea, wraps etc. Also one parent donated chair massages.
- Quick discussion about the transformation of the lounge space for teachers (old art room) Tiffany has created several ideas and we can continue to discuss this.
- PEN meeting update, there is an April 3rd meeting in the Library with a presentation. No registration needed for live meeting, but only in case of virtual attendance.
- Sennen discusses the DPC- District Parent Council. BVSD is shrinking while Louisville and Lafayette are growing. Foothill Elementary has been stable in the last 4 years. Lots of extra resources at Foothill for children with special needs.

f. President's report (William Hamilton)

- He mentioned dates in summer for KG playdates which usually coincides with PTO meetings from 10 am-noon. He suggests June 13, July 18, Aug 8th.
- We need a PTO person attending for these. William is out in July and August.

- He will follow up with the volunteers responding to the survey. Survey has provided us with 25 new volunteers, 3 chair committee volunteers, and there are 12 applicants to serve as a parent liaison for PTO.
- Katie will ask Sonia Cougheln for volunteering.

3. Conclusion

4. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2024; 1.30pm

PTO MEETINGS HELD 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, FROM
1:30AM - 3:30PM IN MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM