

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 13, 2022; Zoom, 5pm

1. Welcome (Haylie)

a. Attendees: Haylie Lott, Nick Vanderpol, William Hamilton, Ranjeet Pawar, Lisa Coburn, Karla Rosete Nunez and Suzanne Larson.

b. Vote to approve December 9, 2021 meeting minutes; minutes approved.

2. Officer Reports

a. Fundraising (William)

1. Spirit wear -

a. Online purchasing/direct sales from the PTO website is the goal. Ranjeet plans to put the link on the website tonight (\$15 for tshirts; \$20 for raglan shirts; \$25 for hoodies and \$5 for masks). Because we already have a Cheddar Up account, we will use it until the online account is set up.

b. Spiritwear Sales - Roughly \$150 was made from Wednesday's sales; William will provide Monica with the exact amount.

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b. Community (Lisa)

1. Online Events/Live Events-

a. Nick does not want to mess around with in-person events at the school in January due to Omicron surge and restrictions. Given this, it looks like we are heading into online events if we plan any, anytime soon. Considering Omicron is a time bound variant, Nick encourages the community to remain hopeful for live events; possibly kicking live events out to April and May. With the uncertainty of timing, it's possible that a week to two week notice for planning of events might be what we have to deal with.

2. 4th Grade Parents Night rescheduling-

a. Lisa is waiting to hear if The Procopios feel comfortable hosting given the Omicron surge. If not, she is considering Rayback Collective depending on the etiquette at this point with COVID. Outcome to be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Heritage Night-

- a. April 27th was the date determined for Heritage Night from roughly 5:30-7:30/8pm. No decision was made on whether this event will be a school based event, an after school event or a combined event.
- b. Ideas for an in-person Heritage Night in April/May were discussed:
 - i. On the lawn with food trucks where food trucks provide single serving samples (much like Costco samples) in exchange for the profits the food trucks will make. A collective cultural meal is the goal. Lisa noted that there could be food vouchers for kids and their families needing assistance. Attendees would likely be required to wear masks when they grab food. Karla will ask the Boulder Museum director what food truck they used for a similar event the museum recently had. Karla emphasized the importance of creating an opportunity for the children to sit and share stories about the countries; in the past, food was simply a compliment to the meaningfulness created from the other activities..
 - ii. Have a casual stage and invite parent volunteers to talk about the countries represented and the food being shared/put on a show from each country/have an outdoor parade that incorporates information about the countries represented/play music from these various countries.
 - iii. Karla will draft a plan and present it to the pto asap.

4. Give To Grow-

- a. In-person or online:
 - i. Historically, it has been in-person and indoors. If pto cannot accommodate indoors then Lisa is open to planning something outdoors or online. She will reach out to past Chairs of the event for their input. She plans to talk with a venue(s) about indoor options but emphasized that it is venue dependent and canceling at a short notice needs to be ok with everyone. It was determined that the committee aim for indoors, on a Friday in May (ideally, the first couple of weeks of May) and at a place with significant air flow (much like the Rayback).
- b. Auction or no auction:

i. In the past, auctions for this event have been successful and fun. It was suggested that a committee be formed with the hope of coming up with 20-25 items (max) to auction so it is less about an auction and more about coming together as a community. Nick encouraged low pressure in planning for a more casual event.

5. Spring Bingo-

a. When to resume/spring schedule:

i. Lisa proposed March 11th to restart when the sun is scheduled to set at 6:00pm, so it could be from 5:00-6:00pm. Then April 8th (5:00 or 6:00pm, to be determined). Final bingo on May 13th (with the understanding that it could be canceled if it gets too close to school end/end of school activities).

6. BikeDrive-

a. Date:

i. John Miller is spearheading the drive and prefers Fridays, ideally soon. Lisa will follow up with John to have him decide on the date. She will try to give the board a week's notice in order to get things set up. It was discussed whether or not to have this event in conjunction with Walk/Bike to School Day/Bike Bonanza (April 20). No decision was made.

7. Talent Show and Maker Faire-

a. Who is in charge/planning:

i. Lisa plans to talk with Shari Polis who directed the talent show in the past. She is willing to take this over and hopes Shari can teach her what to do to make it happen. Likely to be held after spring break and possibly during school hours without parents (perhaps even grade specific time slots). Nick plans to talk with the school staff to get their ideas/preferences for the event. He wants to ensure that the students are given the school experience as much as possible.

ii. It was briefly discussed whether to have Maker Faire be Make It Shake It Faire again. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

c. Treasurer (Haylie)

1. FTF Update-

- a. We have collected just over \$95,000 which exceeds our goal. Monica does not anticipate collecting much more as several of the corporate matching donations came in at the end of December.
- b. How to spend funds:
 - i. Nick feels a great responsibility to spend the funds well and quickly. He is planning for the library 30K build out (furniture, shelving, maker space improvements, etc.). For the 15K he is confident it will be spent this year (hopefully by mid February) on something tangible that has been approved by teachers and SAC. Other ideas were brainstormed (playground refresh; using some funds to give to the teachers specifically).
 - ii. Nick discussed how the district has identified nine schools highly impacted by the Marshall Fire and asked if our pto can carry one of these schools, Eldorado (pk-8), Foothill's sister school. He requested \$500 be initially earmarked for a gift from FootHill next month and then revisit a spring event and money needed for that at that time. It was voted by the board to support this school and Nick's proposed plan.
 - iii. Monica is concerned that if we don't start showing "visible spending" at the school then the PTO will be perceived as fundraising just to fundraise, especially if we do an auction. She also feels like after two years of relatively little spending that our community will start saying "what does our PTO do for us?" Given these concerns, she is encouraging a plan to be developed asap to spend the previously 30K rolled over funds.

2. Monthly Results-

- a. Collected \$23 for Amazon Spirit Gear Sales.
- b. Spent \$800 on Garden to Table and \$15 on Cheddar Up monthly subscription and \$40 on sales tax.

3. Events included in the budget (10K):

- a. 5th grade musical, 5th grade graduation, Calwood scholarships, spelling bee, book publishing, Bike Bonanza and Talent Show. Monica needs to know which events will be happening to adjust the budget accordingly.

d. Communications (Ranjeet)

1. Spiritwear Sales-
 - a. Bringing spirit wear sales on the website instead of Cheddar Up will be more effective; Ranjeet's goal is to get this going asap.
2. Cu Volunteers-
 - a. Ranjeet has received calls from CU students inquiring about volunteer opportunities to help with his business. Given this, he proposed the idea of hiring CU student volunteers to help with various tasks on the PTO; no payment, just volunteers. It was decided to table this idea and revisit it in the future.

e. Principal's Report (Nick)

1. COVID reporting-
 - a. Throughout the pandemic, the district was following roughly 20-30 COVID cases a day and now it's around 200 cases/day. It is not sustainable to report this many on a daily basis.
2. Substitute teacher positions-
 - a. Substitutes are needed. Must be credentialed; thorough teacher plans will be left; Nick emphasized how it can be really fun.
3. Parent feedback-
 - a. Parents are wondering about the likelihood of Foothill staying in-person. Nick explained that based on trends from other countries and other cities in the U.S., it is likely that we will experience a quick surge and quick decline (i.e. we will work through the surge in the next three weeks and as quickly come off of it). Because of these trends, he is hopeful we can keep our doors open.

f. President's Report (Haylie)- All has been covered.

g. Teacher Report- No teachers present.

3. Conclusion

a. Comments from Attendees- None.

4. Adjournment

a. Time of adjournment- 6:56pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday February 10, 2022; ZOOM, 5pm

PTO MEETINGS HELD 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, FROM

11:00AM - 12:30PM IN MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

DURING PANDEMIC, PTO MEETINGS HELD 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, VIA ZOOM, AT 5PM

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