

## **Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday May 10, 2023;**

**Foothill Elementary School 2pm (Office Meeting Room)**

### **1. Welcome (Haylie)**

- Attendees: Haylie Lott, Sennen Knauer, Monica Mount, William Hamilton, Ranjeet Pawar, Suzanne Larson, Jen McCabe, Jen Mitchell, Denise Stoot (Zoom).
- Vote to approve April 2023 meeting minutes; minutes approved.

### **2. Officer Reports**

- Fundraising (Haylie)
  - Bricks - Paypal issues; checks are acceptable. PTO donated brick needed for Molly Kirk who is retiring. More bricks have arrived and will be placed on the wall this summer.
  - Booster is now used for spirit wear purchases; spirit wear needed for staff upon their return to school in August.
- Community (William)
  - End of the year party is coming up; everything is arranged at this time.
- Treasurer (Monica)
  - YTD results - see Monica's spreadsheet for details. Vote taken to approve budget for the next school year; budget approved.
  - Taxes - notice from IRS still being handled. CPA who PTO was using stopped communicating with Monica. A new CPA was found with a quote of \$4K (he will handle everything for this cost by the end of the month). Vote taken by the board to approve this payment; all attendees approved other than Denise Stoot who abstained from her vote until she receives further information on the overall situation.
- Communications (Ranjeet)
  - A lot of action on the website; more than any other month this year. Ranjeet and Jen are working on her transition into the communications role.
  - Rapids link has been challenging to use and therefore there were not as many ticket purchases as was hoped for. Further discussion on how to improve this for next year to be had at future board meetings.
- Principal's Report (Sennen)
  - Thank you to the outgoing PTO for all of their hard work!
  - Staff was thrilled with Staff Appreciation Week!

- Three rounds of kindergarten for next year; 5th and 2nd grade positions posted (current teachers need to reapply); four para positions in ILC posted; staff evaluations wrapping up.
- Sennen took the observation approach this year, has moved slowly in getting to know how things run at Foothill and has made slight tweaks to our system, as well as, celebrating all that is going well (for example, the high amount of younger grades reading at grade level).
- Next school year Foothill will continue to use Foundations; 2025/25 likely a new reading program will be implemented to match the other schools in the district. The hope is that the newer programs will help every single family feel seen, valued and have the belief that they belong here.
- Next year Foothill will be identified as an English language development co-teaching school. Also, teachers of the same grade levels will work more tightly together to create a more consistent instruction within each grade level classroom (i.e. students will be provided the same education despite what classroom they are in).
- The atmosphere at Foothill seems to be one of family, very comforting to students and staff, everyone belongs.
- President's Report (Haylie)
  - Committee chair sign-up needed for next school year.
  - Ryan Cynoski will co-chair the garden committee with Haylie. The garden is a bigger undertaking than Haylie realized and it definitely needs more support than who is involved at this point. The Garden to Table program does not provide the instructional piece so Haylie is leading these lessons. Should Garden to Table be providing more given the cost the school is paying for their program? Further discussion needed. Ranjeet has a contact who could possibly replace Garden to Table in the future.
- Teacher Report (Haylie)
  - The staff thanks the PTO and all of the parents who made teacher appreciation week so special! All of the teachers are looking forward to the fun field trips and special end-of-year celebrations as we wind down the school year.

### **3. Conclusion/General comments from attendees**

- Further discussion to be had at future board meetings regarding the Fun Run; what was positive and what needs improvement.

### **4. Adjournment**

- Time of adjournment: 3:16pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 14, at 12pm on Kinder playground.

**Or, Join by Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2186167512>

Meeting ID: 218 616 7512