

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 18, 2021; Zoom, 5pm

1. Welcome (William)

- a. Attendees: Haylie Lott, William Hamilton, Nicholas Vanderpol, Ranjeet Pawar, Monica Mount, Lindsey Cynoski, Lisa Coburn, and Suzanne Larson.
- b. Land Acknowledgement.
- c. October 14, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

2. Officer Reports

a. Fundraising (Lindsey)

i. Spirit Wear -

- a. Merchandise update: Masks are in; fox stuffies are still on backorder (likely to arrive in the next few weeks).
- b. Storage: Spirit wear is currently being stored in the closet across the hall from the PTO closet.
- c. Inventory: Lindsey plans to do inventory over winter break; Lauren to hopefully join Lindsey.
- d. In-person sale: 10/20/21 sale was successful; immediate gratification was noticeable. It was decided to have an additional in-person sale before the holidays (for stocking stuffers and such); no date was determined.

ii. Dine Out -

- a. Bird Call is booked for March.

iii. Corporate Sponsors -

- a. Wong donation has been found.
- b. Bright Eyes is still being figured out. Lindsey plans to reach out to Stephanie again.

iv. Spring Fundraiser -

- a. Brainstorming session to be postponed until next month's meeting. The hope is that there will be more guidance as far as what will be permitted for this event by December.

b. Community (Lisa)

i. Meet the Parent parties -

- a. The 4th grade Meet party is still being figured out. Lisa plans to coordinate with the hosts.

ii. Bingo -

- a. Both bingo nights had great turnouts. Lisa plans to check in with Monica to figure out totals. The plan is to restart bingo nights in the spring when the weather warms up.

iii. Upcoming fundraisers -

- a. Lisa is figuring out what the next fundraiser will be and will report back when she knows more.

c. Treasurer (Monica)

i. Fund the Fox -

- a. Over \$84K raised as of today; about 3K-5K in the pipeline. The total will be closer to 90K when all donations have been included.
- b. Graphs show that 2021 totals are more than 2020 but not more than 2019. 2021 participation is mirroring 2019's participation.
- c. Nick does not feel that it is necessary to try to get more participation. He states that he is humbled by 2021's goal being set higher than 2019 and it already being exceeded; "Good enough is good enough." Nick suggested that one last email be sent to the school community to thank everyone again for supporting FTF during such challenging times. He offered to draft an email for after Thanksgiving break.

ii. Proposed distribution to school up to 90K -

- a. Times for distribution will be determined by Haylie, Monica and Nick. This vote allows distribution of funds to be formally put in the minutes as PTO and provides checks and balances. The distribution is also approved by the Board of Education and an acknowledgement from the district that the money was received is provided. This all creates greater transparency to the school community.
- b. PTO to endorse the proposal; it was approved by the board.

iii. October monthly results -

- a. Receipts of \$1100 for spirit wear (from Amazon and in person sales); \$254 from Kroger and Mabels Lables; \$79 Bingo food sales
- b. Expenses of \$3,080 for spirit gear purchases; School directory \$500; Taxes \$70; Cheddar Up \$15; \$60 staff appreciation
- c. \$5 gift cards for staff (waiting on total)
- d. Wahoos provided over \$500 worth of breakfast burritos for free to the teachers.

- e. Original works fundraiser (PTO receives the donations and then gives all donations back to the school). Nick will ask Suzanne Whitman about exact amounts and report back.

iv. Next meeting Monica will review next semester's budget.

d. Communications (Ranjeet)

i. Website activity -

- a. FTF has had 714 views through 11/8; this is the largest tracking to date (i.e. 3 times more in the last month than the previous month). Other possible factors to increased activity might be:
 - 1. Spirit wear now on the website which has two links; one for Amazon (adult sizes) and one for Cheddar Up (kid sizes and stuffies).
 - 2. Emails in regards to the people who arrived on the site during the time frame tracked.
 - 3. Original Works fundraiser.

c. Facebook has had more activity towards the end of FTF.

d. Ranjeet is pleased overall with the increased activity and will continue to observe trends now that FTF is over.

ii. Upcoming Eblasts -

- a. Ranjeet plans to send an additional shout out to Wahoos for their \$500 donation of burritos for staff appreciation.

e. Principal's Report (Nick)

i. Open enrollment -

- a. Current enrollment at Foothill is roughly 440-450 students; it was 650 students 7-8 years ago.
- b. Ideally, we need a system for incoming kindergarteners; now is the time to start calling kindergarten families to get going on open enrollment if they plan to do so. Closes mid January.
- c. Currently, there are openings for new students in grades K-2.
- d. The first school tour for incoming students was last night; 27 attendees (which included 8 children).

ii. Funding proposal -

- a. Foothill Elementary's funding proposal has been approved by the district; the school is now fully funded. This ensures an additional .3 literacy coordinator, .5 literacy tutor and .2 math paraprofessional. School administrators are still working on building a community liaison

position; every other position is well staffed. There are still concerns about substitute teachers; this is a district wide issue. Nick plans to reach out to the parent population about filling substitute positions after Thanksgiving break.

f. President's Report (Haylie)

i. Foothill's support for local holiday drives -

- a. Sister Carmen and Share-a-Gift is partnering with a Foothill Mom. The event is held in this mother's front yard and takes place over three days (there is hot chocolate and treats offered on one of the days). She has a flyer to send out. This will not interfere with other drives that the PTO plans to support. The drive will be held to solicit coats, toys, and food for families in need.
- b. With these partnerships, it was suggested that a mailchimp be sent out to help promote them and support local families. The more that is collected the better.
- c. PTO to endorse the above mentioned holiday drive; approved by the board.

g. Teacher Report (no teachers present)

3. Conclusion

a. Comments from Attendees

- i. Nick mentioned that he might have an opportunity to bring select people into school after hours. If so, he suggested having an in-person PTO meeting in January and feels hopeful that even more people can come into the school as time goes on.

4. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 9, 2021; 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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