

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 14, 2022; Zoom, 5pm

1. Welcome (Haylie)

a. Attendees: Haylie Lott, Sennen Knauer, William Hamilton, Monica Mount, Ranjeet Pawar, Lisa Rice and Suzanne Larson.

b. Vote to approve November 2022 meeting minutes; minutes approved.

2. Officer Reports

a. Fundraising (Kristen) - no report.

b. Community (Lisa) - no report.

c. Treasurer (Monica)

- Almost all payments are in and we raised over 95K; we budgeted 90K.
- Last year Principal Vanderpol did not have the total be announced under the Fund the Fox page. Decision is to write an eblast from PTO thanking everyone for helping PTO reach ABOVE our goal.
- The school has asked for \$85K at our discretion (don't need to ask the board everytime money is requested). This was voted on and approved.
- Tax update - all info into CPA, she is going to prepare the returns and we need to apply to change our year end; the form is lengthy and to have her review it will cost a little more. The board is ok with this.
- Mid year finances - \$1,000 budget for Dine-Ins (at \$600 with Kristen planning to do more); Spirit Gear coming in little by little. Because FTF reached above budget, we will be able to do what we have planned to do for the PTO. We might have more money than we thought at the end of year because of the Spring fundraiser. This money will be all extra for us since we have already reached what we hoped for (maybe soccer goals and/or dash station can be discussed at the end of the year for new improvements for the playground with this extra money).
- No interest yet in treasurer position for next school year; hoping to find someone to be ready to shadow Monica by March.

d. Communications (Ranjeet)

- Quiet on google
- Family businesses/Foothill businesses - only one person has communicated from the community so far who has a shower curtain business with Spanish and

English languages to teach kiddos languages; she would be happy to offer discounts to Foothill families. Seems there are a lot more people in the community that have businesses that could potentially assist in funding the school. What should we do to reach them? Perhaps this is just a busy time of year so an eblast at the end of January might spark more interest. For now, add the businesses we have (Wahoos, Scratch Kitchen, Santo, etc.). And, since we have no sponsors this year this would be in lieu of that.

- Eblast to recruit potential board members for next year; send a joint message to Kindergarten parents from the PTO and Sennen explaining what the various roles entail and specific invitations might elicit interest; Sennen and Suzanne to draft a letter in January; everyone agrees to send duties and hours spent doing their role. In the meantime, board members try to recruit for their own roles.

e. Principal's Report (Sennen)

- We are now fully staffed as of January 2, 2023!
 - New Instructional Para, Tammy Steele, started Monday
- Open Enrollment events
 - 4 events completed, 80+ families, mostly kindergarten
 - Foothill will offer a preschool option for next year; send any friends we know who are interested to Sennen
- Garden To Table
 - Contract for 23-24, then have parents take over
 - Upcoming trainings for teachers and volunteers; PTO will pay them directly roughly \$2K; Monica and Sennen will talk about how to pay the balance.
- Mid-year assessments under way
 - Reading scores so far - Lisa Rice, Literacy Coordinator is very excited to see the progress of students. The I-Ready assessments (universal screener BVSD uses for reading, and math, development at the beginning, middle and end of year to best guide teacher instruction for each student's needs). Data is looking really good, beginning of year showed overall 58% on grade level, middle is showing overall 85%; beginning of year showed 36% one grade below and now 12%; beginning of the year 6% two or more grade levels below and now 3%. Parents will see their child's results at conferences if not sooner with report cards depending on the teacher.
 - Student Climate results to come in Jan. or Feb.
- SEL update
 - Second Step program - Ms. B. is currently working with 3rd-5th graders helping them identify mean behavior vs. bullying.
 - Stop, Think, Act with K-2 - Kelso's Wheel; spat or bounce (melt down or move forward....how they choose to react).

- Book Fair is going well this week; lots of field trips happening (4th grade has two this week!; 5th grade has one). Sennen received a phone call today informing her of how well the Foothill students behaved yesterday on their field trip, great news and reminder to the students that their actions matter, people see them! Winter celebrations occurring this week, lots of ways to celebrate the first half of the year and winter holidays (non specific) celebrations this time of year.
- Your input for parenting tips (social media project)
 - What types of behavior would you like to get ideas/support for?
- Work day and Professional learning for staff
 - Jan. 2nd and 3rd (inspiration as to how to start and think ahead as to how to end the year on a positive note)
 - Soup and Salad lunch and Acudetox - acupuncture in the ear being provided for staff (on the 2nd); Suzanne to try to arrange a massage therapist for this day, too; will report back to Sennen on if anyone is available.
- School wide Bead Jar Celebration - Jan. 6
 - Dress like a Teacher Day! Don't spend money, have fun and celebrate the teachers!
 - Music/Mix it up at lunch - younger kids sit where they want; older kids listen to music during lunch.
- Instagram/facebook conversation for parents follow-up from last meeting -Sennen and Ms. B. are going to get together to discuss what would be helpful as a parent to help with routines. They plan then to provide little videos for parents to learn from on the school Instagram/Facebook pages. Please let Sennen know what kinds of information would be helpful as a parent.

f. President's Report (Haylie)

- Technology Series Partnership - Parent education event that Crestview uses. Tracy Markel is the speaker. Crestview has invited Foothill to join them this year; first would be at Crestview, second would be at Foothill; Zoom would be an option; two of the three sessions would be with Tracy; splitting the cost of two sessions would be \$600 for our PTO. The board voted and approved to move forward.
- Heritage Night - Lisa is stepping in to help arrange this event. PTO will try to have the event on time. Sennen does not want to add any stress on individuals to make this happen on time, she wants a good representation of performers and such.
- 5th grade graduation - School will take care of arranging this and Sennen will meet with volunteers in the coming months.

g. Teacher Report (Lisa)

- Nice atmosphere in school lately, which has been a great way to end the first semester. Thank you for the time and energy spent on the PTO.

3. Conclusion

a. Comments from Attendees

- Colorado Rapids for fundraiser; Kristen to tell us if this is more of a community event as opposed to fundraiser; talk more about this at next meeting.

4. Adjournment

a. Time of adjournment

- 6:15pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday January 11, 2023; ZOOM, 5pm

PTO MEETINGS HELD 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, FROM 5:00PM - 6:00PM VIA ZOOM.

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