

Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 14, 2022; Zoom, 5pm

1. Welcome (William)

- a. Attendees: William Hamilton, Monica Mount, Nick Vanderpol, Lisa Coburn
- b. Vote to approve March 2022 meeting minutes. Minutes not yet available, so this vote will pass to next month.

2. Officer Reports

a. Fundraising (Haylie/William)

- Bricks to Grow campaign - We are about to advertise this more. Principal Vanderpol is about to send out an email showing pictures of what bricks could look like, where they will be placed, etc. High profit margin on bricks COULD help to cover personnel positions that have previously been covered by COVID relief funds. \$20K would be wonderful if we could raise that and then allow it to carry over to guarantee the personnel for next year (healthroom, paras, etc.).
- New Fundraising Chair - K. Bendele interested in joining PTO and has expressed some interest in this position. I think she would be great and I have personal knowledge of prior volunteer work. I'm hoping she will take over at least for the remainder of the year.
- Crossing guards need more vests. We are down to one.

b. Community (Lisa)

- Mr. Vanderpol mentioned something about an End Of Year Party on the back lawn, much like the Welcome Picnic. If this is a go, I guess we need to start planning, and quickly! May be difficult to find Food Trucks this late.

c. Treasurer (Monica)

- Budget including current year forecast

d. Communications (Ranjeet)

e. Principal's Report (Nick)

- CMAS is kicking off to set a new baseline for future years
- iReady is kicking off and
- Adding a 3rd kinder rounds
- Met with SAC this week
- \$90K was original ask. Principal Vanderpol came in with a budget of \$106K

- Trying to determine some cuts in budget request and PTO monies being spent
 - New principal interviews have begun. Nick is working with the staff
 - Discussed budget based on SAC meeting
- f. President's Report (Haylie)
- I heard Open House was a success and so thankful to those that made it happen (looking at you Lisa and Monica – as well as volunteers)
 - Assuming Bingo was successful? Regardless, thank you Lisa!!
 - Attended SAC meeting this week and there was a large budget discussion. Nutshell takeaway is that there needs to be some “fat trimming” in order to cover everything requested in budget. There was SOME discussion about using this year's surplus on personnel costs for next year, but we already announced to the whole school that we will be using it on transforming the outdoor courtyard to a pleasant and inviting learning environment, updating/remodeling the library, and upgrading/improving the playground. I personally couldn't stomach making that announcement and then going back on it. General consensus at the end seemed to be that we should work hard at trimming the “fat” off the budget (this is not necessarily a Monica thing, but also includes Nick and others) and push the Bricks to Grow campaign to see if we can cover everything – even if that means reducing (not eliminating) the amount of money spend on the learning space, library, and playground.
 - Heritage Night 4/27 - I think they will need a decent amount of volunteers for this event. If you've attended in the past, you know that people really enjoy this night. I'll be volunteering my time and am hoping others can join me!
- g. Teacher Report

3. Conclusion

- a. Comments from Attendees

4. Adjournment -

- a. Time of adjournment: 7pm