

## Foothill PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 16, 2021; Zoom, 5pm

### 1. Welcome (Haylie)

a. Attendees: Haylie Lott, William Hamilton, Ranjeet Pawar, Lindsey Cynoski, Lisa Coburn, Monica Mount, Nicholas Vanderpol, Suzanne Larson.

b. August 4, 2021, meeting minutes approved.

### 2. Officer Reports

#### a. Fundraising (William and Lindsey)

##### i. Amazon T-Shirts/Spirit wear

1. The way Amazon initially explained ordering was straightforward and included youth and adult sizes. However, two weeks ago they stated that they are unable to get youth sized t-shirts. This has resulted in Lindsey trying to figure out how to get back to the youth shirts. She plans to find out from Google if they can get them and if not find someone else.

2. Nick had the idea of the PTO buying inventory from a t-shirt seller that he knows (amount based on what the PTO ordered last year), maintaining the inventory and selling it from there. Monica stated that we have enough money to order t-shirts. Lindsey plans to make a bulk pre order. She received the pricing from the company that was used last year and plans to get a second quote from Nick's contact.

3. In the past, the difficulty was the number of options (7). Ideally, in the future the amount will be consolidated (3; plus, a stuffy). It was suggested that there be a mixture of options (i.e., continue what we are doing for the kids and keep amazon for adults).

##### ii. Community Sponsors

1. Blofish – \$1,000.00 payment was received, and we are following through on their package; thank you note has been sent.

2. Sweet Cow - no payment yet, Lindsey to follow up with them.

3. Wong - no payment yet (Haylie suggested that someone write Dr. Wong a letter to inquire what his status is).

4. Stephens - no payment yet, plan is to have it by Venmo to Monica.

5. Broadway Smiles – Lisa is waiting to talk with her business partners about sponsorship. She also can find a backup dentist if Wong no longer sponsors.

a. continue to discuss hosting one dinner per quarter for the sponsors at the next PTO meeting.

iii. Fundraisers:

1. Bricks to Grow – idea discussed to partner it with a relaunching of the school. Continue discussion on when to have this fundraiser.
2. Give to Grow – annual spring fundraiser; likely to be a paired down version of the past spring fundraisers. It was decided that nothing needs to be done at this time for this event. Continue discussing whether to have this once/ year or every other year. Also, continue discussion of ideas for the event other than an auction. Revisit at next month's meeting.

b. Community (Lisa)

i. Meet the Parents Parties – all dates have been approved:

1. Kindergarten: Tuesday, Oct 5 @ The Procopio's.
2. 1st Grade: Thursday, Sept 30 @ The Pearson's.
3. 2nd Grade: The Hamilton's. Still deciding on a date.
4. 3rd Grade: Tuesday, Sept 28 @ The Stephen's.
5. 4th Grade: Tuesday, Oct 12 @ The Procopio's.
6. 5th Grade: Sunday, Oct 3 afternoon drinks only @ Doug & Liz Prentis.

Backup Plan: The Bloomfield's or The Hagen's.

a. It was discussed how there has been concern over the Delta variant and whether we should be hosting large gatherings. Nick thinks these will be well attended parties because the community members want to connect (hence, the tremendous turn out at the Back-to-School picnic). For now, our hosts feel comfortable because these parties are all outdoors. The 5th grade hosts request drinks only on a Sunday late afternoon. Their pediatrician agreed that sharing of food is riskier than sharing of drinks. The group discussed whether this was ok considering all other gatherings would provide food and are later in the day. Lisa plans to reach out to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade back-up hosts if it was decided that food would be needed. No decision was made. William would prefer to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade party catered and emphasized that food would help balance beverage consumption. The K and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade hosts are requesting donations for the pizza guy.

b. Since the dates have been approved, Lisa will update the banners. She plans to list the dates only and then direct parents to read emails and the website for street addresses.

ii. Bingo

1. Outdoors instead of virtual. There was not as much participation with virtual bingo last year.
2. Bingo on the blacktop- lights needed for set up.
3. Backup plan would be to cancel (due to inclement weather we are canceling bingo).

c. Treasurer (Monica)

i. Venmo and Zelle:

1. Neither is set up for charitable donations (only PayPal as of now which shows an emailed receipt that you've donated to a charitable organization; no transaction fee w PayPal).
2. Radio buttons - adding one for the exact amount (you can type in that amount).

ii. August Receipts:

1. Giveback Programs \$800
2. Kona \$240
3. Kroger \$166
4. Longmont Dairy \$166
5. Amazon Smile \$228
6. Blofish Sponsorship \$1,000
7. Yearbook sales \$1,160
8. Spirit Wear sales from Check In day \$251
9. Back to School Picnic Budget \$1,000 (Back to School Picnic Spend \$981)
10. Other August Expenses – websites \$28

iii. Budget:

1. It is the PTO's budget; the PTO approves it (no one else has a vote). Monica, Haylie, and Nick meet in March to draft the upcoming school year's budget. Then it will be presented to the PTO then to SAC (the school's other formal board who shares responsibility w community engagement w school board and school improvement; also advises principal on their budget/helps set principal and school budget). It will then be brought back to the PTO in May for approval. The approved budget is in place for the upcoming school year. There can be approval for more expenses if there is an

explanation as to why the extra expense is needed. The PTO budget is for the public to see and can be downloaded from the website.

iv. Fund the Fox

1. For the principal to use for the school. Nick builds a budget (roughly 75K-80K). He then proposes his ideal budget. Historically, PTO put their extra profits towards the principal's budget.

d. Communications (Ranjeet)

i. PTO website

1. Working on bringing the website up to date. Specifically, being able to track the site on Google in their search consults (this can show number of views, how long the views were, posts on Facebook, etc.). It's challenging to determine a benchmark but there is indication of activity, and the goal is to keep trying to get ahead of the recent numbers. No emails lately other than some random marketing attempts. Ranjeet would appreciate any feedback from members and encouraged PTO board members to get portraits taken on picture retake day (Oct. 7, over the lunch hour).
2. Nick expressed his hope that the website reaches as many people as possible.

e. Principal's Report (Nick)

i. Status of school year

1. It has been a challenging yet positive year. There is a level of exhaustion felt amongst the staff, in part because they don't feel like they are getting the kids where they need to be. Some of the gaps being seen were anticipated (i.e., K- 2<sup>nd</sup> are generally slow in reading development; 3-5<sup>th</sup> are generally slow in math development). It's urgent but not an emergency regarding the kiddos who are behind. The staff are taking the long view on this because kids can only take in so much at a time. They are taking a 2-year trajectory on this and feel confident that they will get the students where they need to be when they leave Foothill. They will provide interventions when needed and hope to get to the granule level of needs which is the purpose of the Fox Den.
2. There has been discussion amongst staff and parents to pull together primary level parents to talk about the realities of students being behind and how parents can help their children in areas in which they are deficient. These deficiencies could lead to insecurities if not addressed now. Nick emphasized that when kids are regulated, they are open to learning. He suggested that parents help their child regulate by flooding them with their needs instead of focusing on teaching them the disciplines (i.e., reading bedtime stories to provide love/passion around the subject).

3. Students appear to be doing exceptionally well. They are being kind and nice. It appears that the kids are happy to be at school. They don't know any different so have risen to the occasion and are giving it all they've got.

4. The district has a new strategic plan. It focuses on realigning curriculum assessments, teacher to teacher collaboration and vertical pieces. The district has been migrating in this direction for some time, yet it is a very slow process in seeing change. Nick is hopeful that by focusing on the infrastructure, we can expect positive returns. For example, Fox Den time (double dip in math or reading depending on the need of the students). The school is getting things organized regarding what they are focusing on for each grade. Late start Wednesdays allow time for this kind of planning. The staff are excited to restructure/reorganize the time.

5. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. They will be flexing in option times over an 8-day window; 20 minute time slots. Tuesday newsletter will have more details.

#### f. President's Report

##### i. Heritage night

1. Historically, a one-night event. Nick would like to have it as an in-person event, even if this means having it outdoors. If outdoors, it was discussed having it in the spring instead of winter. The challenge of this event is how to integrate the differences within the school and natural points of other cultures and world religions.

##### ii. Fund the Fox

1. Begins Wed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> and ends Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> (official close).

2. Mail chimp, online newsletters, and envelopes to send home were all suggested marketing strategies.

3. Nick plans to break down what the funds will be used for this year. Thank you cards will reflect this breakdown. Anyone who donates anything to the school gets a thank you card. Donation amount not to be put on thank you cards.

4. FTF website was discussed. Nick, Ranjeet and William to meet separately to discuss the website further.

#### g. Teacher Report (no teachers present)

#### 3. Conclusion

##### i. Comments from Attendees (none)

4. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 6:43pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 14, 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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83618371248?pwd=ZjAyQ2VtN1V4L2RrcUtpczlvc3Vwdz09>

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