



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3 • 8:15am - 9:15am • Auditorium

January Accomplishments and Successes

January was a slow month for fundraisers. Food Truck was cancelled due to inclement weather and street closure. [Shoparoo](#) is doing well. We reached \$75 just by taking photos of receipts! We are trying [Benefit mobile](#), another app partnered with eScrip, which works well in conjunction with Shoparoo. All supporter who get started with Benefit this month could also win a \$250 Amazon gift card for themselves. If 10 supporters download the Benefit app, Short Avenue could win \$500.

Dolphin Cafe - Friday, Feb. 6 and Feb. 12

This [fundraiser](#) is for the 5th Grade overnight camp field trip. The cost of the trip is \$130 per kid for 50 kids. The transportation cost is \$1,500. The cafe will open early at 7:15am.

Friday is also an assembly day and Restaurant Night at Shakey's Pizza from 5pm-8pm. [UPDATE: Our fundraiser was super successful thanks to all the families who participated. We broke the Shakey's record with over \$1000 in sales! We made \$290, snapped receipts for Shoparoo and signed up new members!]

See's Valentine Day Candy Sale

Orders will be delivered today, Wednesday, Feb. 3, and stored until distribution.

Coffee with the Principal - Thursday, Feb. 11, 8:15am -9:15am

Open to community members and families. Ms. Paulos will cover A-G requirements for high school graduation. College/career mindset begins in elementary school.

[School survey](#) is connected to our SQII score. Parents can take the survey online anonymously. Only 10% parents participation so far. Other schools hold raffles or give extra credit for participation. The SQII score is important and is based on test scores and parent surveys. *The School Experience Survey makes a difference in how school is rated with other CA schools!* It is very important to complete. We can remind parents at Dolphin Cafe, assembly and Shakey's Pizza. [Take the survey now!](#)

Treasurer's Report

We are doing well despite many key donor families are longer at the school. See's Valentine Candy made \$375 and it's not much work. No Easter See's Candy sales because it's too soon. Movie Night has not made much this year because we had only two events with one cancelled because of auditorium damage. Latin, Ballroom and TA money are already earmarked.

Teachers get FoSA money for two field trips per year. If they don't use all the money, we give it to them later to use. Some of the money owed to them goes back two years. There is agreement that it should not go back too far because it complicates accounting. Incentives should be offered to take the trips in the first part of the year in order to use the money before the school is over. Some trips are free, such as 826LA, but counts as a field trip. Sometimes the field trip is free, but the money is used for the bus. Some field trips have admission fees, such as the Kindergartener's Discovery Cube trip. Ms. Trapnell will use the money for field trip instead of computer.



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Ms. Johnson, the OT wants a mini-grant for ipad typing app. Some grants like the LMU one is parent-initiated. Typing skills to take test could be under a technology grant. We need to look into that.

Science Mania Kick-Off Assembly - Tuesday, Feb.16 at 10:45am-11am. Please join if you can. Not only is the assembly loads of fun and excitement, it walks you through the scientific process your child will use for science mania.

Food Truck Fiesta - Wednesday, Feb. 17

Two Year Anniversary Celebration. Live Jazz. Trucks will include Mapuche Native (Argentinian), District Burger, Sweet Suite.

Box Tops Contest

Ends Feb. 19. Some of them are in the class but not collected yet. Check our account and look at their deposits to us. Stack of "Labels for Education" collected by Alicia needs counting. Great because no expiration date.

Walk and Talk Tours

First tour is on Friday Feb. 26 and Thursday, April 7 starting at 8:30am

Do the Walk and Talk Tour after Science Mania to showcase projects. One teacher voiced a concern about interrupting student presentations with the tour. Be sure to mention TA in every classroom. We need to promote tours to our community.

In-N-Out Burger Truck and STEAM Night Exhibition - Tuesday, March 8

Trying to get truck to park on the street for visibility and easier STEAM exhibition in the auditorium. The Argonaut newspaper will write up an article about STEAM Night. Sell tickets at Dolphin Cafe and assembly.

Barnes and Noble Pajama Storytime and Book Fair - Friday, Feb 26 from 5pm - 8pm

Will contact Burger Lounge for a Restaurant Night in conjunction with Barnes and Noble. B&N Night conflicts with a Girl Scouts event. Make Pajama Day at school as well.

Carnival and Auction - Friday, May 6

Auction stuff needs to be ready one week before (April 29 deadline) with help from room parents. Every class does a themed basket. The maximum value per basket will be \$75 and there can be multiple baskets. Some popular themes this year can be Frozen, Star Wars, Minecraft. Gift certificates sell well. Movie tickets are great. We can do a booklet/catalog for pre-bidding. See Alicia for spreadsheet of vendors to contact. Vendors need 60-90 days time to get certificates. Need parent to help with online auction, Biddingforgood.com. Parents are needed to help with booths.

Spelling Bee - Thursday, Feb. 11 at 1pm. Please join this exciting event if your schedule permits.

School Experience Survey Final due date is Thursday, February 11 [Take the survey now!](#) Your voice counts and completing the survey will make a difference how our school ranks among other CA schools.

5th Grade Dancing Classroom - Friday, Feb. 19 at 5:30pm

Career Day - Thursday, March 17



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Ms. Bautista will organize. The format may be like fair booths, not finalized yet. The theme is “Oh the places we will go”.

Los Angeles Public Library will forgive late fees when returning overdue books through February 14.

Street Gallery Art Project (formerly Art Walk)

The art theme is I Love LA and student work will be entered into the Kids Envision a Healthy LA Art Contest sponsored by Mike Bonin and MOA Wellness Center. Banners of the art will be offered \$25 and \$50 (prices not finalized yet) as a fundraiser and hung on the Beethoven Street fence. New names for this project were discussed.

Open Forum

Increasing Enrollment

The school has not had open enrollment in years. Now, it's by permit. How do parents feel about open enrollment? Right now we have 263 students (we used to have 450 students). The school did not have an API score for four years which has not helped us. The process of changing schools is not simple. For example, Culver City must release its student and the child must get accepted by LAUSD.

We applied for a technology grant to double the computers. Each computer is about \$300 with a \$700 maintenance package.

While schools like Playa Vista have the money for curriculum writers and laptops, they are required to share their information. Their curriculum heavily favors science. Short Avenue Elementary is about the whole child. We can emphasize the Humanities of our curriculum.