



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 2 • 8:15am - 9:15am • Library

Book Fair

Thank you to all the students, families and staff who supported our Book Fair. And thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Although we did not meet last year's Book Fair goal, we made money other ways (penny wars, pledge drive, etc.). Congratulations to all 15 Golden ticket Book/Poster winners.

Food Truck - December 16, 5pm -8pm

Lovely performance by Mr. Shigekawa's band. Next date is December 16. It will be a slow, winter month. There will be only two trucks. Bring lanterns and glow sticks to make it fun for the kids. Thank you to the awesome Mr. Shigekawa and his band for filling in at late notice and charming us with some new jazzy tunes.

New Fundraiser: Shoparoo App

We have a new and super easy fundraiser just in time for the holidays. [Shoparoo](#) is a free mobile phone app that pays when you take photos of your receipts. Receipts can be for anything, groceries, Costco, restaurants, movies, drug store, office supplies, etc.

See's Candy

Orders due on Wednesday, December 2. Candy will be delivered the week of December 14

Pledge Drive Update

The classroom competition is over and we have a winner: *Mrs. Shigekawa's class had an amazing 100% participation!* They won a pizza party. Mr. Fast's room raised the most money. *You helped us achieve over \$8,000 to date*, which is about a \$2K increase over previous recent years. That is heartening considering our enrollment is also down. Many thanks to our families for their kind support, and a special thank you to Mrs. Shigekawa and her classroom achievement. Please note: Paypal is offering 101% incentive until December 31, 2015 when you donate online. There is still time to donate and receive a year-end tax write-off.

Winternational Celebration and Santa Update

School Holiday Program will be on December 15, Tuesday morning from 9am - 10am, one show only. The event will be outside in the school yard. The auditorium will be repaired during the winter break.

Our 'Winternational' Holiday Celebration will build on the popularity of International Day and compliment our diverse cultural heritage. *We are requesting baked good food donations, similar to International Day. Please bring a traditional December holiday baked good the day of the event, Thursday, 12/17. Please include a small notecard-sized sign with the name of the food and explain any special significance. Thank you in advance.*

Tamales will be available for pre-order and will be limited 2 per person at the celebration. Pre-order forms will be available starting December 7 and due Friday, Dec. 11. There will be music and crafts for kids: thumb print art, popsicle sticks for menorahs and kinaras, cutting snowflakes (scissors are a concern), paper chains. *Looking for volunteers for the craft tables.* A Santa suit was donated to FoSA. We will need to get the accessories (boots/covers, belt, hat, beard/hair, gloves). Mr. Romo was volunteered to be Santa. {UPDATE: A complete Santa suit has been donated for the occasion} To accommodate the tamale making, the final celebration date decided is **Thursday, December 17 after**



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school from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. *Please let us know if you can help at before or during our event: making tamales, supervising the craft table, selling baked goods, setting/cleaning up.*

Gingerbread House Village Exhibition (STEAM themed construction) will be on display at the Winternational Holiday Celebration. Please bring houses in for display on 12/17, the day of Winternational. Each participant will receive one free raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card. Look for flyers for details.

Silent Auction - March 8, 2016

We are starting to request [Silent Auction](#) donations now to obtain some highly prized donations. Some vendors need 60-90 days advance requests. Letters and places to contact on the FoSA website. To *volunteer*, let Alicia know for access and information to the real time Google doc to track donations.

Walk and Talk Tours - Friday, March 11, 2016 and Thursday, April 14, 2016. *Need volunteers and baked goods donated.* We need to update the tour package to include our fantastic STEAM focus.

Spring Carnival Update

May 6. Alexis and Caitlin will have upcoming meetings. Committee Chairs not at the meeting.

[Shop for Short](#)

Holiday shopping season email blast for Amazon and eScrip online Mall sent before Thanksgiving. Shoparoo email blast to be sent soon. Shoparoo is an app developed by teachers to help raise money for schools. Take photos of your receipts and earn money for our school. Please share these no cost ways to support our school.

School-Related Events and News

Coffee with the Principal - Thursday, December 10 at 8:15am in the library. Possibly combine with mandated parent workshops. Can hold event in the library with presentation and workshop.

Clothing Drive - Our children still need sweatpants, pants and shorts for bathroom accidents.

Playground ball room and Science lab - The ball room has been cleaned up. Need consistent help. Same day every week. Mara has generously volunteered to help weekly with the Science Lab. Thank you Mara!

Math Matters Competition and STEAM Professional Development for Teachers - We came in the top 10 at the Math Matters Competition this November. Congratulations Ms. Aceret and students. At the STEAM presentation at the Arboretum, Discovery educational organization offers 80 hours of training for official STEAM certification. Short Avenue is currently STEAM-focused because we are just starting. Teachers will go through professional development. It costs \$2,500 for 6 hours for up to 25 teachers. We are still working to get a better price. This would be a good project to fund through grants since this over \$30,000.

Cub Scout Food Drive - Canned goods donations can be made in the office and classrooms this December.



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Suggestion made for Angel Box, an ongoing fundraiser to collect clothing. No Goodwill drive this year as Goodwill has cancelled these types of fundraising drives. Possibly have a yard sale / flea market / estate sale with a booth for each class, lemonade stands, etc. in January. Possibly work with the Girl Scouts.

Winter Recess - December 21 - January 8. Classes resume Monday, January 11.

Our next FoSA meeting will be two days after our return from break, on Wednesday, January 13 at 6pm.

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