



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2 • 6pm - 7pm • Auditorium

February Accomplishments

Shakey's Pizza restaurant night broke record and sold over \$1,000. Kudos to our organizers. We made almost \$300. No fundraiser at Shakey's made that much before. Dolphin Cafe made an impressive \$900 for the 5th Grade field trip in two days. See's Candy Valentine sale did not do well compared to previous sales, down more than 65% over last year. Coffee with the Principal / A-G Requirements workshop was successful.

Walk & Talk Tour had little advertising, yet still had 9 parents attend, all of whom walked away really liking our school. It was a good learning experience for us, and wake-up call as the testing score notoriety continues to plague our reputation. Parents ask about it because it contrasts with the We Love Short Ave. signs. Once parents come and learn about our school, they like it, but the big hurdle is to get them here in the first place. We need better messaging. Invite any parents or neighbors with preschoolers to come check us out.

Barnes & Noble Storytime event was fantastic success. It is more of a community builder rather than fundraiser. Ms. Paulos and Ms. Malysheva attended in addition to the teachers.

Congratulations to 4th grader Alyssa Cruz on the Scripps Spelling Bee. Our school made it to the semi-final in the Dancing Classroom competition. They won the Silver Medal for the second year in a row.. Nanoscience at the Mall was fun and had very kid-friendly STEAM activities.

Friday's assembly will recognize LA App award winners and participants. [Update: Congratulations to Emma Pavia on her first place statewide win for Pet Point, an app designed to link up lost pets with owners. Congrats also to all students who participated. There will be another challenge next year so start thinking about useful apps.]

In-N-Out Burger

Truck is set for Tuesday, March 8. We need to increase sales to 300 tickets. So far, we have sold 50 tickets. We need more visibility and advertising because parents and kids don't know about it. Volunteers needed to sell tickets in the morning and after school.

Movie Night - Friday, March 11 at 5:30pm

This popular event is back by demand. Helpers are needed.

Walk & Talk Tour - Tuesday, March 15, Thursday, April 7 and Tuesday April 26 at 8:30am

Two dates have been added. Baked goods, coffee and volunteers are needed. We need to get flyers for distribution and more advertising. A new banner cannot be printed in time so suggestion was made to repurpose old banners with date change. Suzanne will try to get flyers for Friday. Information flyers and packets need to go out to local realtors.

Food Truck Fiesta and Prop 39 Meeting - Wednesday, March 16 at 4:30pm / 5:00pm

Prop39 meeting is about the possibility of charter schools using part of Short Ave. campus. Stoner Elementary suffered through a charter school takeover and encountered problems with traffic, violation of rules, shared space, etc. Parents can read one Stoner's experience at <http://cwcmarvista-co-location-stoner-laUSD.blogspot.com>. If the charter school comes to our campus, our children will have to share the cafeteria, computer lab, auditorium. Their students will mostly likely wear uniforms and serve catered food in front of our kids which can be divisive and unfair. Parents will meet on Tuesday, March 8 after In-N-Out and decide what we can do. Write letters to Zimmer? Protest? Short Ave. has to resolve the charter school issue first before it can go back to open enrollment. Suggestion made to create Facebook page and campaign called S.O.S. Save Our School.

Career Day - Thursday, March 17



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Ms. Bautista will let us know what help is needed. [update: more people to talk about their careers is needed. Do you know anyone (maybe a retiree) who could share their work story?]

Treasurer's Report

There is not a lot new to report. When using Amazon reward, please make sure you are not on the Amazon Smile page, because we get less money from that program. See's Candy Valentine's sale made about \$375. We made much more previously (3x more). Maybe low sales are because it was a week earlier with less selling time. We will not do an Easter sale because it is too soon after the Holiday sale.. Food Truck profit is half of what mostly due to cancellations. We can hold them every other month in winter or we can have it from March - November. We can advertise more to bring in the community. Post flyers in libraries, businesses, etc.

April FoSA Meeting - Wednesday, April 6 at 8:15am in the library

Silent Auction

The auction is later this year so we have more time. Classes should pick a theme and start collecting items. Baskets are due April 25 - 27. We don't want to interfere with Spring Carnival. [Donation letters](#) are available online at the FoSA website. Coordinate with Alicia.

FoSA Elections - Wednesday, May 4

For the school and FoSA to continue to flourish, new parents are needed to join in to learn the ropes and how FoSA works. Current members will mentor new officers. Please think about how you would like to participate. Our school is great not only because of amazing, dedicated teachers and staff, but even more so because of hard working parent volunteers with a focused common goal.

Spring Carnival

Flyers for volunteers will be sent out after break. No bake sale this year because we had a lot left over last year. We have a sponsorship commitment from Papa John's and Dunkin Donuts. We are waiting for answer form Pitfire Pizza. Suggestion made for a giant banner to thank all our sponsors.

Teacher Appreciation

Think about now and arrange a class gift. All cash should go through the office.

Scholastic Book Fair - May 9-13

Volunteers are needed.

Open Forum

[California Earned Income Tax Credit](#) for parents and teachers. Letter and link is at FoSA website:

<http://caleitc4me.org/get-it/>. If income is \$54,000 and under, you can get tax return prepared for free and get money back.

The school custodial staff requested lightbulb donations (about 150-watt incandescent bulbs). Can buy and give to school directly. Can use <http://www.donorschoose.org> if you are a teacher.

Suggestion for Mother's Day Boutique similar to holiday boutique

[Privacy Opt-Out for Student Records](#) Deadline April 1

<http://www.idtheftcenter.org/alertcaparents.html> and form here:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/documents/form2016jan26.pdf>

[Shoparoo](#) is doing great, keep up the good work. We've made \$100+ just by snapping pictures of receipts!

Email will go out to explain The Street Gallery Banner ordering instructions which is due Wednesday, March 9.