

FOSA Meeting Minutes 9/6/17 5:30 pm

Introduction of the board

Avril Lipsky (President) introduces the other board members: Leanne Wright and Kathy Lewis are co-treasurers, Tasha Dellagatta is the vice-president, Caitlin Taylor and Betsy Drennan are co-secretaries

Intro to FreshSchools

Look for the invite in your email! Hopeful that everyone will log on and use the FreshSchools app, which makes communicating with other parents or teachers VERY easy.

FOSA's goals of the year:

Increase parent involvement

Better Communication

Raise More Money

Annual Giving Kick-Off

Caitlin talks about our fundraising goal (\$100,000) and what FOSA uses the money for. Betsy brings up what other schools are asking for (\$1200, \$1000). Discussion about how much we raise, goals, how you can give money, free recess for class with highest participation

Shop for Short

SO easy to give money by shopping at Amazon. Just click on the link on the FOSA website, and a portion of the sale is donated to FOSA. Discussion of other shopping options - check out the FOSA website for more information.

Discussion of fundraising ideas

candy gram - Diana Edmonds volunteers to lead

Amazon - click through the FOSA website and shop! Amazon contributes 4-6%

Benefit Mobile App

Principal's Report

We are growing! Planet Bravo is up and running, LEGO class starts in October. Mad Science After School Program also starts in October - fee based after-school science class, really fun.

After School Sewing Class possibility

Planet Bravo Started today

Mrs. Reynolds has heard concerns about the after-school program. She hears what the concerns are and is looking into it.

Fundraising - it all goes to our students. The TAs are invaluable, Planet Bravo. Look into 3 hour TA (instead of 6 hr, because less expensive).

Questions for Mrs. Reynolds:

Adopt the Arts? Thought they had Coffee Bean, but we are waiting for them to finalize.
What's our enrollment? Grew two classrooms. 325 students, including PALS.

Volunteers Needed!

Banner Program - the big banners on Short that are sponsored.

Discussion of banner sponsors in the community.

Need a chair/committee - Carrie Goodwin volunteers!

Room parents needed! and found!

Parents volunteer during the discussion to be room parents for almost all classes.

Grant writers needed!

Book Fair Volunteers needed! 9/29 - 10/6

Alicia Casilli, librarian, talks to everyone about book fair - so fun! Kids love it, and we raise money for the school. Need volunteers to set up, and also to work the fair (several volunteers needed for each shift). Belia volunteers.

Dolphin Cafe this Friday!

Discussion about volunteering, bringing food, the teachers have been given money in advance.

Upcoming Events

Sharky's and Yogurtland Restaurant day 9/12

Beautification Day September 16th - bring tools! And put your name on them!

Food Truck Fiesta - 9/20, 5-8pm

NO school 9/21

Coffee w/ Principal - 8:15 am, 9/28

Spirit Wear!

Order now. Tasha has order forms. Every Friday is Spirit Wear Fridays!

Budget Report

Leanne gives the update

Open Forum

Discussion of after school programs

Karate program at the Japanese Community Center

Standing play date idea? Meet at Glen Alla on Friday?

Child care at FOSA meetings

FOSA Board Meeting called to order in the Parent's Room following general FOSA meeting

Review the Parent Meeting

Went well! Lots of new faces.

for the financials - format for next meeting a one-sheet for parents to read

Update on jerseys for Miss Mona

Kathy Lewis found a company that will do the nice tanks for \$10, but may be too backed up due to a warehouse fire. Betsy Drennan will contact a Penmar jersey company as a back-up option.

Box Tops

Discussion about having a point person to handle box tops, and whether it's worth the effort. Class with most box tops in the past got 5 minute recess, teachers received gift cards for about \$25.

Aime Ocampo and her husband Daniel started a GoFundMe for a safety floor for PALS playground

Discussion of the campaign. FOSA will promote the GoFundMe campaign on the FOSA website. Discussion of PALS yard and fundraising for safety floor

FreshSchools

Vote on whether to pay for FreshSchools - Discussion of how many people are signed up, whether texts can be sent in Spanish.

FOSA Emails

Discussion of responses/lack of response to Board business emails. Agreed that there are too many emails, but need responses to the emails sent. Treasurers will send President the excel spreadsheet of the budget.