

Board members present:

Jen

Priscilla

Alex

Kristeen

CUSD Playground Presentation

- Implementation timeline: Summer 2026
- Updates are for the upper grade/fish park playground
- There are no plans yet for the other playgrounds
- Can the PTO fund the other playground?
 - There's no economy of scale in trying to bundle them - potentially for summer 2027
 - The lower playground has been discussed for becoming a more natural play space
 - Can potentially remove the broken items from the lower grades playground in this wave
 - Amy to send a list of items to remove to Drew

Approval of the June Minutes

- Jen moves to approve the June minutes
- Kristeen seconds
- Minutes are approved

President's Report

- Volunteers
 - Still need a parent liaison volunteer for Ms. Kelly's class
 - Need a budget advisory committee rep for CUSD
 - Volunteer confirmed: Karly Gula, 2nd grade
 - Angela to send the meeting details to Karly

Principal's Report

- Good start to the school year
- Enjoying new facilities
- New TK/K enrichment program going well
- Ribbon cutting ceremony on 9/19 at 2 pm
- Volunteer requirements were updated again last year
 - If adult is with a classroom teacher the entire time, fingerprinting is not required
 - To chaperone field trips and/or be on campus unaccompanied you need the LiveScan
 - FV's fingerprinting on campus day is 9/25 from 5:30 - 6:30
 - Amy will let us know if the Mandated Reporting is required for new and/or returning volunteers
 - The TB test/certificate is no longer required
- Science
 - Ms Kaia is now teaching the 2/3 class
 - No certificated applicants applied
 - A local applicant applied - they have experience in herpetology classes and will join next week
 - She will first teach herpetology of TK - 4 then transition to FOSS curriculum - FOSS directly links to NGSS

- Science will be once weekly for TK - 4
- Does voluntary tuition help cover the cost of science?
 - Yes, it has been the largest operating cost for the PTO for years
- Proposal: Budgeted amount is \$17K annually - motion to increase the salary to \$22K annually (from \$39 per hour to \$50 per hour)
 - Why are the rates different across the positions (Science, PE, Playground Coordinator)?
 - The other roles' salaries were based on the hire's salary requirements/asks
 - The science role requires work on curriculum
 - Could consider increasing the rate for the other role in next year's budget
 - Science materials budget is \$2,000
 - Motion, Priscilla: Hire the new science teacher at a rate of \$50 per hour, ~\$22K annual
 - Seconded by Kristeen
 - Passes with no objections
- Performing Arts: Drama Club
 - PTO will fund an after school drama club
 - Grades 2 - 3 and 4 - 5 with different time slots due to staggered dismissal times
- Girls on the Run club
 - Sliding scale for fees based on participants' ability to contribute
 - Requires volunteer coaches - there is interest in supporting
 - Could be considered for next year
 - Believe this is for upper grades students
- Enrichment tends to be parent/staff driven based on interests
 - Tends to be focused on who has the capacity to build a program, make it sustainable, and how funding can be obtained
- CUSD wellness committee is working on refining the district wide wellness policy
 - There was feedback last year that there were many sugary treats on campus
 - Ideally treats would align to smart snack standards
 - Would like to begin transitioning to healthier options this year and/or something non-food based (stickers, pencils, temporary tattoos)
 - Fruit skewers are often well received
 - Packaging sweets to go home and be consumed at home
 - Feedback will be shared with the district also about the nutritional value (or lack thereof) of the District-supplied breakfast and lunch items
 - Popsicle social did not provide gluten-free offerings - request for PTO to be hyper aware of offering allergen friendly treats
 - The PTO needs a list of snacks that are okay to be served at events - ideally parents of children with dietary restrictions can partner to provide this list
 - Healthy recipe suggestions could be added to Splash (using sweeteners like honey, maple syrup)
 - Also circulate ideas of birthday celebration ideas, like a parent reading a favorite book to the class
 - Circulate ideas before Continent Day!
- Is there a parent directory? How can parents access each other's information?
 - There is no Directory per CUSD privacy policies
 - The opt in during registration is for organizations like the PTO, Boys & Girls Club
 - FV staff have asked for the language to be changed

- Teachers are encouraged to ask their class parents & guardians whether they would like their information to be shared
 - Class liaisons are having trouble obtaining the information
- PTO can open up a sign up so that parents can submit their info to a PTO-sponsored directory

Financial Report

[add the info from Priscilla's hand out to the notes]

- Safety net funds of \$100K should be considered untouchable except in extreme circumstances
- Budget will be remodeled given there have been a number of changes (enrichment changes, CUSD's willingness to build out a playground)
- Voluntary tuition progress is looking good
- Teachers receive annual stipends; teachers have received larger, one time stipends as they move into new classrooms
- CUSD is now recommending we request reimbursement for the teacher supply closet
 - Karly is willing to help with pursuing the reimbursement/ big orders from CUSD
 - Sandy has to place the orders to CUSD - Karly will follow-up with her
- Consider forming a playground committee

Movie Night

- Friday, 9/26
- Movie is Wild Robot
- Moonraker & Alebrijes food trucks
- Working on student volunteers to staff the food and merch tables
- Requests for donations will be made for both Movie Night + Fall Fest
 - A parent will lend a gluten free popcorn machine that has always been used for gluten free products
 - Jackie will work with Priscilla on creating the donation list
 - Fall Fest will not be selling snacks at the same volume but needs lots of water - buy canned water for environmental needs
 - Kristi to send Jackie the popcorn we've purchased in past
 - Add glow sticks to the wish list

Kaia requests:

- Teachers received \$2,000 stipends for the new classrooms as they moved into their modernized spaces
- Kaia moved into the B building. She requested a learning easel similar to what Mrs. Jeffs has.
 - The other units were purchased using Scholastic dollars - we can order similar for Kaia using points.
- She also wants shelving units and a rug.
 - Need to confirm the price of the shelving - we could potentially fund the rug via Scholastic points too.
- PTO will communicate the classroom stipend to Kaia so she can order items she needs that are not available via Scholastic.
- Any teachers who want items available via Scholastic should request them - PTO would like to use/redeem the points as we can.
 - Priscilla motions to spend down the Scholastic dollars; Jen seconds; all approve

Librarian requests:

- Book bins ~\$100 for 40 bins
 - We believe CUSD will fund the bins
- Library bound titles can be funded via Scholastic - Angela will order them
- There is currently no budgeted stipend in the budget this year for the librarian
- Priscilla motions to grant a \$200 stipend to librarian; Kristeen seconds; all approve

Fall Fest

- Important to begin planning again early next year
- [Add Priscilla's handout to the notes]
- Amy will learn whether attendees can park on the blacktop - PTO to consider making this a premium offering