

**Friends of Farallone PTO**  
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**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**2023-2024**

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**Amy McVicker**  
*Principal*

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Board Member Attendees:

- Kristi Gillis
- Angela Ekberg
- Jen Gainza McCormick
- Sara Neale McGregor
- Danielle McGee
- Joanna Scharff-Durand
- Rebecca Jeffs

Additional Attendees:

- Amy McVicker
- Hunter Smithmixter
- Alex Smithmixter
- Whitney
- Alex
- Austin
- Alyssa

Call to Order: *Kristi call to order 6:36*

Approval of Meeting Minutes – March & April (*February meeting was cancelled*)

- Sara motions to approve, Kristi seconds; minutes approved

President's Report: *Kristi/Angela*

- CUSD Updates
  - New Superintendent
    - Finalist candidate and voting on contract at school board meeting 5/9; Amber LeeAlva (unsure of spelling for last name)
    - Kristi and Angela met with her last Friday; has put together a 100 day plan
    - Would start June 1 with a one-month overlap
  - CUTA/CUSD fact finding 5/17
  - FV overview at 5/9 Board Meeting
    - Ms. McVicker will be giving a presentation on Farallone View as well as HEAL presentation
- Playground revitalization updates
  - We are still moving forward with looking to make updates to playgrounds; raised money during Coastside Gives; though may have Bond money per CUSD Board members, but need to look
  - Bond and Parcel Tax: Angela had meeting with Jesus two weeks ago; shared DS&C is company they are working with to promote their bond and tax item on the ballot; \$130M for the Bond \$0.6/\$100 value of your property; Parcel tax \$185 will replace Measure M (currently \$165); Bond will be used for site improvement; bond will go toward teacher salary though working on language

Financials: *Sara*

- 2024/2025 Recap final planning and June vote
  - We have exceeded fundraising goal for the year; set to raise \$110, will finish around \$113K raised; tracking to underspend what we budgeted; savings from Kaia's healthcare (CUSD paying for it now)
  - We will use savings from this year to give teachers a stipend as they move into their new classrooms - \$2,000
  - Will be taking out Auction and Bazaar to throw a Fall Festival with hope to raise \$15K

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- One month left of school! Started CASP testing this week; ELA Tuesday & Wednesday, Math Thursday & Friday
- Ocean's Week this month
- Open House
- Parking lot to be re-done this summer
- New building finishing up – July 29th move in day!
- In the Fall – MU and B building will be off limits

Discussion Items:

- Ms. Rachael's (Literacy Specialist) Presentation: Introducing and explaining the shift in Literacy Instruction to a Science of Reading-based model
  - Big Lift – focused on K-3 learning, expanded to 4 pillars this year
  - Looking to have parent volunteers and someone from the Board when creating a literacy plan
  - There is now a lot more science on reading and the brain; shift is more to research based curriculum and instructional styles
  - Using multi-sensory instruction
  - Fluent reading and comprehension
  - Kids will have de-codeable readers
  - May move away from level based reading system
  - Doing an assessment/screener – Dibbles 8<sup>th</sup>: K-3, but will expand to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to see if children are at risk for reading specialist need; current challenge is we don't have enough resources to support all the children that have these needs today
  - Cabrillo Literacy initiative: group of 15 teachers and support staff to do more things district wide events
  - Will see this shift in classroom teaching (already have a bit); Foundations is Science of Reading
- 2024/2025 Board Nominations
  - President: Kristi / Jen
  - Vice-President: Joanna
  - Financial Recorder: Claire
  - Secretary: Whitney
  - Communications: Alex / Danielle
  - Treasurer: Sara / Alyssa
  - Voting email will go out to school this month

- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Monday: New Nespresso coffee machine
  - Tuesday: Wellness Week
  - More surprises in store for the rest of the week!
- Coastside Gives Recap & Donor Thank Yous
  - ~170 individual donors – will email; mighty cause can export the list
  - \$13,152 + matching & prizes total: \$16,902
- Ocean's Week (May 27-31)
  - Publishing schedule for parents
  - Volunteer Needs
    - Prime the wooden fish
    - Silk Screening Day volunteers
  - Fish Art Update
    - Will look to have article in HMB Review (Rebecca's son can help)
  - Other final readiness items
    - Friday, May 24: Silk Screening T-Shirts (PTO supplied)
    - Tuesday, May 28: Point Blue Conservation live stream
    - Wednesday, May 29: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
    - Thursday, May 30: US Fish & Wildlife Service
    - Friday, May 31: Pacifica Beach Coalition Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion (Wednesday, June 5 at 11am)
  - 4th grade families will be asked to volunteer for day of events
  - Angela will design promotion certificates; Amy will print
- Last Day of School – popsicle dance party (June 6)
  - Popsicle Day this Friday (5/10) – testing over, sunny out – Danielle will coordinate
- Year-end teacher feedback for PTO
- PTO Room move out
  - Need to be out by second week of June – moving into D building
- Summer caretaking of Outdoor Classroom
  - Whitney, Kristi, Whitney
- Circus of Smiles Assembly – decided not to do
- Will move PTO meetings to first Thursday of the month instead of Tuesdays

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – March & April (February meeting was cancelled)
- 2024/2025 Budget – will finalize and vote in June PTO meeting

Important Dates:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Open House:** Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL:** Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Ocean's Week:** May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>
- **PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion:** Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Last Day of School:** Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>