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Attendees:

Board Members Present:

- Angela Ekberg
- Sara Neale
- Allison Bunch
- Danielle McGee

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker
Rebecca Jeffs
Joanna Durand
Joanna
Heather
Mary Anderson

Call to Order: 6:38

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February: will approve next meeting as minutes were sent out late

President's Report: *Angela*

- Kicked off March Reading Madness today, 3/2 with author and illustrator Shawn Harris who read to all the kids in the MU; also had community members read to each of the classes
 - InkSpell donated \$5 to every student for March Reading Madness
- Lion Dancers Assembly tomorrow, 3/3 at 11:00am *sponsored by PTO
- Scholastic Book Fair set up tomorrow afternoon, and will be open Monday – Wednesday next week, 3/6 – 3/8
 - In Spring 2022 Scholastic (not PTO) made \$7,200, and in Fall 2022 made \$7,800; the average in 2021 was \$9,000, so Scholastic lowered us in tiers
 - Typically get 10 bookshelves full of books/items, this year only got 6
 - Will be held in Library since it may rain next week, and may need MU for the students
- We are officially in the Coastside Gives giving window; early giving started Wednesday; may wait until after Auction to really advertise/ask for this
- CUSD Equity Audit Meeting update: This is being done by a 3rd party group; they are meeting with PTO Presidents, so Angela met with them to answer questions about Farallone View; unsure of what will happen next

- Auction (April)
 - Donations have been coming in, doing well with over a month to go
 - Have received \$1,500 in sponsorships so far
 - Received Sponsorship from OOMA, unsure who got this but thankful!
 - We are still looking for a place for Auction kickoff night
 - Idea is that Restaurant/Bar would share % of proceeds for a night with Farallone View, if FV mentioned during order
 - Becca asked Ocean Blue Brewery and they are willing, but may require us to set up tables/space to do it
 - May also look to ask Mezzaluna (Joanna), Hop Dogma, HMB Brewery, Round Table Pizza
 - Hoping to have a place locked down in the next week so we can communicate/share

Financials: *Sara*

- Move-A-Thon: Went great! Goal was \$15K, raised over \$21K
 - Mr. Denault's class won Move-A-Thon participation! Will have a pizza party Friday, 3/3
- We are doing great for fundraising for the year – currently at 80% of fundraiser goal with 2 fundraisers left in the year to go!
- We did receive CUSD's 2nd quarter bill, but still didn't have Ms. Kaia's spend
- We have received \$1,500 in Auction sponsorships

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- Held KidPower Presentation in February; find that in person workshops are more valuable, but was nice to have, and had families from FV and ELG attend
- Teachers had a meeting with CA Academy of Sciences "Inquiry Outside," held in the Outdoor Classroom
- FV still doing covid/flu testing on Mondays for community members interested
- March will be a busy and fun month!
 - Tuesday – had a waste sorting assembly to refresh kids on how to sort waste; kids did well when tested!
 - Thursday – March Reading Madness kickoff
 - Kids were excited to learn they will get a pizza party if they read more minutes as a school then they did last year
 - Friday – Lion Dancers Assembly; students will each get a lucky fish & fortune cookies *sponsored by PTO
 - Next week is Scholastic Book Fair next week, Family Night on Tuesday 3/7
 - Book mobile will visit twice
 - BMX assembly 3/24 *sponsored by PTO
- Test prep has started; 40 min sessions 1x week for English learners; academic vocabulary review and test prep; when that is wrapped up, will hold CASPP: Grades 3-5 test in May; 40 min session, 1x week for 5 weeks; more information will go out to families to learn about it
 - This is one measurement of student progress, but one that our school is measured on
 - Testing will likely be the 2nd week in May
- Parent/teacher conferences next week; minimum days – 1:05 dismissal M-F for all students

Discussion Items:

- Julie from Beach Break reached out to see if we have a date set yet for Fall Family Movie Night; Kristi shared that we will get back to her
 - We can discuss purchasing projector/screen for FOFPTO for community building nights at a later time
- Julie from Beach Break also shared that she saw “Whale’s Tail” while in Maui, and is looking into finding funding to bring this to schools; thought it would be a good idea to incorporate into Ocean’s week
 - Priscilla is running Ocean’s week, and has a movie planned, but we can talk about it with her
- Earth Day:
 - Kristi purchased sunflower seeds (13 varieties!) + peat free compostable pots
 - We will need to follow-up with the families who said they want to help to start planning for the day
- Outdoor Classroom + Grant
 - Angela's family hung the murals, and they are gorgeous!
 - HMBHS provided a lumber order to cover the build of benches + planters along the fence
 - Big Creek gave us a discount + helped with materials recommendations to get us to a very low cost of \$1,550!
 - This is much less than expected and opens up the possibility of doing the full build HMBHS spec'd (so adding 8 large classroom planting beds too)
 - Have asked them for follow-up lumber order
 - Sandy is working on a requisition to cover the \$1,550 purchase so we can get that rolling ASAP
 - Kristi calculated soil needs in cubic yards and it's a lot - calling Soil Farm this week to work on a donation or discounted price; holding budget for soil
 - Kristi is sending additional purchase recommendations to Amy for review
 - In the grant we said we'd get table umbrellas; think we should since we'll have the storage shed for them. Estimating \$700.
 - Also have found some really great magnifying glasses & measuring tapes for \$130.
 - Also including the kinder garden tools (trowels + watering cans).
 - Still working on best sink option.
 - Probably need a workday to fill beds and such, but need HMBHS completion date first. More to come!
 - Amy and Kristi are meeting with San Mateo County Office of Education (who gave us the grant) Monday to chat about our progress
 - We need to be finished by Earth Day and it will be tight, but Kristi thinks it's doable!
 - Mrs. Jeffs shared that K-4 have been utilizing the Outdoor Classroom

Items Needing Action:

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February (will look to approve in April meeting)

Important Dates:

- **End of Second Trimester** – Friday, March 3rd
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences – MINIMUM DAYS** – March 6 – 10th
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – March 6 – 8th
- **Book Fair Family Night** – Tuesday, March 7th
- **Spring Recess – NO SCHOOL** – April 3 – 7th
- **FV Auction Kickoff** – Saturday, April 15th
 - **Online Auction** – April 15th – 22nd
- **Earth Day Celebration** – Friday, April 21st