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Attendees	<p>Board Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Ekberg • Kelly Hoffman-Davis • Kristi Gillis • Virma Dorio • Sara Neale McGregor • Danielle McGee • Amy McVicker <p>Additional Attendees: Sherry Gordon Christina Sullivan Claire Lacy Kyle Ekberg Leslie Ciucci Denise Pickard Heather Lindsay Jeff Chandley Jessica Hale Allison Bunch Catarina Williams Joe Lindsey</p>
Call to Order	Angela – call to order 6:36 PM
Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November minutes approval: Angela motions to approve, Kristi seconds • January minutes approval: Angela motions to approve, Kristi seconds
<p>President's Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Angela</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunar New Year Celebration: moved to March 11 • Coastside Gives: Angela has attended meetings, anyone that wants to join for the future meetings is welcome! Coastside Gives is May 5th • Ms. Kitty Music Room dedication: Would like to get a date on the books for a ceremony, sometime in April potentially; parents that knew her can say a few words, and her daughter Maddie would join; plan to do this outside of the music room and reveal plaque that is hung, likely after school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy will check with the teacher's schedule to see what day/time works for them • Open Board Position: Auditor

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role is to check with the treasurer quarterly - If you would like to join, please let Angela know
	<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-A-Thon – <i>Sara</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kick off on Monday through next Friday; pending student list from Sandy, and will get 99 pledges registration links sent out to families - Fundraising starts on Monday - Each teacher signed up for 30 minutes of time to do a circuit activity section, 5 different activities; bubble machine and Whiskers will be there - Will have paper trackers for kids to track their minutes as well, or can track on the google sheet sent out in email - 3 volunteer positions still open for Monday afternoon if anyone is interested - The following week, paper trackers will be turned in, Sara will input in 99 pledges and prize table for kids that logged minutes for recognition - Instead of Certificates this year, kids will get a sticker sheet which will show their minutes - Equipment is set aside for field day Monday • Auction – <i>Angela</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Original Auction date had previously been pushed out - Donations are still coming in, over 30 donations so far - Idea was to look into a family movie night and auction at FV under the stars instead of a parent’s only night out and auction - Facebook poll was posted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17 votes for family movie night and auction - 8 votes for both - 1 vote for Parents only night and auction - Kristi worked with Beach Break Entertainment and PTO met with BBE to discuss the idea; obtained costs: \$3,300 (covers set up, equipment, licensing of film, permitting; \$1,650 due upon signing, remainder due night of the event

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval: Board all approves to move forward with Movie Night & Auction event (March 19th); details to come (potential online auction prior, and items out for silent and live meeting) • Book Fair – <i>Virma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 7-11, Friday before (3/4) will be preview day; sign up genius will be updated, won't need as much coverage as last time March Reading Madness – PTO hosts; encourages reading for students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelly – before getting into details, suggested we discuss with Amy and check in with teachers to gain feedback first • Ocean's Guardian - <i>Priscilla/Amy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a skip year for Ocean's Guardian technically, but did beach and campus clean up; 4th grade group of students had ideas on environmental improvements in school; gathered \$200 to go towards purchasing reusable utensils. Kaia is helping with this, and tying this into next year with potential grant money • Ocean's Week – <i>Priscilla (not present)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ocean's Week is a week-long immersive deep dive into learning about a specific ocean theme - Culminates into a mural painting, silk-screening t-shirts - Priscilla thinking about this; as of now, may need a larger budget than previously discussed - Priscilla has a theme in mind, would cost \$1,800 total for kids to have a kit to take home and to do a fossil activity; would also like to reserve some cost for an assembly; don't need to make the motion tonight to increase budget, will wait for Priscilla to join
	<p>Financials</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sara</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have \$173K in the bank • Got the district bill; check has been cut and cash, Aug – Sept for science, PE and Art \$26K; will have 2 more of these • 2 teachers submitted for reimbursement • Voluntary tuition is almost matching what we raised in 2019/2020; trending well, and good shape financially

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auction raised \$33-\$40K in previous years • Goal for move-a-thon is \$15K • Original Goal for Auction was \$20K • Want to have enough by the end of the year for science, art, music; our goal this year was to raise \$102K
<p>Principal's Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Amy</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 sets of parents joined for first Kinder tour; another one next week, 2/8 at 3:45 - Last week was Kindness Challenge; students wrote down on paper feather a kind act they did, put into wings, "Kindness lifts us up", hung on campus - Book token redemption happened this week; book vending machine has been a big hit, kids love it - Had a lot of covid cases on campus in January, in comparison to prior months; working with another company to do contract tracing. They were swamped at the beginning of the year, but has gotten better; continuing to keep everyone safe and healthy, while balancing what pre-covid looked like; more to discuss in open discussion
<p>Items Needing Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – November ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – January ✓ Farallone View Family Movie Night & Auction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will change from Parent's Night Out & Auction to Family Movie Night & Auction – March 19th
<p>Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kristi: Behind kinder playground, greenhouse that was previously donated; looking at options for teachers to be able to utilize the space; looking at seating for kiddos - Claire and Kristi have ideas and interested in helping and partnering with Amy and Kaia to help rejuvenate the space - Thinking of tying in Earth Day somehow; have every student plant a sunflower to bring home to families, etc. - Source soil and seeds, garden supply drive

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claire will help maintain it and keep it functioning - Catarina Williams: offering to donate items needed - Amy will talk with Kristi and Claire and other interested parties to work out details • PTO/Teacher Cornhole Tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initially targeted February, but will push out a bit; Kelly still open to putting this together, likely April when weather is nice and Omicron is away • Talent Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela had an idea to have kids submit their talent show videos which can be put together and shared during class/with parents at home - Kelly - During the Holiday Bazaar, John Lester helped with sound; thinks we can do talent show, in person, outside, if someone is willing to take it on - Kelly suggested we send out an email to see if a parent is interested in taking this on and leading it • Garage sale: not happening this year • Google business account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelly has allowed us to use her email to send mass-media/splashes from PTO, but looking to invest in Google business account (under \$500); - Will look into total costs and approve at next meeting • New merchandise orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to order new items to have in time for movie night: Beanies, Sweatshirts, maybe blankets: Kelly will put proposal together and send to the board
	<p>Open Comment</p>	<p>An email was sent to the PTO and Amy today from Christina Baker, asking to revisit drop off and pick up; was read to the group</p> <p>Many other emails received as well, and provided their names for support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christina Baker - Denise Pickard - Matt Allen - Gunilla Eisenberg - Sherry Gordon - Stephanie Fitz

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analise Heid - Michele Quigley-Borg - Nina Anderson - Rob Aschero - Kerri DeMartini - Caytie Bagatelos - Christina Sullivan <p>Kelly Hoffman Davis also wrote a letter and spoke in support Catarina Williams spoke in support as well</p> <p>Amy: Received about 18 emails on the topic and notified teachers of the topics. Two teachers responded - 1 was comfortable with parents on campus if masked, but not comfortable with unvaccinated volunteers; Another teacher who responded stated they spoke with handful of teachers who were not comfortable with parents on campus or unvaccinated parent volunteers.</p> <p>We will be changing these protocols at some point; they weren't meant to last forever. They were meant to support the 4 pillars and keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.</p> <p>Amy is continuously discussing with district leaders and consulting with legal counsel; our superintendent is consulting with other superintendents as well.</p>
	<p>Important Dates</p>	<p>Move-A-Thon: February 7th – 11th</p> <p>President's Week – No School: February 21st – 25th</p> <p>Goal Setting Week – Minimum Days: March 7th – 11th</p> <p>Spring Recess – No School: April 11th – 15th</p>

Comments from the chat:

- 8:51:12 From Jessica Hale to Everyone:
yay
- 18:51:12 From iPhone Allison Bunch to Everyone:
So movie night and coastal vine? I am confused
- 18:51:33 From Ryan 🌸 to Everyone:
No Coastal Vine
- 18:51:57 From Ryan 🌸 to Everyone:
the movie night will be at FV
- 18:52:02 From Friends of Farallone View PTO to Everyone:
It would be Coastal Vine as just an adult night and see if she would do a FV night and we would get a percentage
- 18:52:15 From Friends of Farallone View PTO to Everyone:
Movie night/Auction at FV
- 18:55:09 From iPhone Allison Bunch to Everyone:
How would we do the live auction?
- 18:56:05 From Leslie's iphone to Everyone:

I have to drop! Thanks everyone!

18:56:53 From iPhone to Everyone:

Joe

18:57:08 From Danielle McGee to Everyone:

Last name please?

18:57:29 From iPhone to Everyone:

Lindsey

18:57:40 From Danielle McGee to Everyone:

thank you!

19:06:03 From sara Neale to Everyone:

This years budget we allocated \$1500 for Oceans Week.

19:15:29 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Amazing!!!

19:20:10 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

YES!!

19:20:55 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

I would be happy to donate a greenhouse or any material needed! I also have a life size Chess board that I would love to donate to Farallone if we can all creatively think on where it could be stored.

19:21:31 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Wow that is really brilliant Kristi!!

19:22:28 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

WOW Amazing Claire!!! Contact me for any materials you need! catameche@me.com

19:23:10 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

I have a surplus of school materials that I am currently donating to East Palo Alto that I would love to keep here in our local community, especially if it pertains to gardening and Earth Day!

19:23:24 From Danielle McGee to Everyone:

thank you Catarina!

19:23:44 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Yes, right now is the time to plant!

19:24:21 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Yes, please send us all the Zoom link for that meeting Ms. Vicker as the greater community is interested and wants to be involved!

19:27:28 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

We are also integrating Guinea hens on our property and we are getting rid of the tick issue which causes Lyme which is much more severe than COVID. We could consider integrating some animals (like Guinea Hens or a rabbit or chicks) at Farallone depending on how the area is zoned. Thank you Claire and Kristi I am super inspired by the gardening, greenhouse, Earth Day project and since we have a mini farm it made me think of our Guinea Hens <3

19:29:51 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Surely we have the funds for that? Maybe the auction can provide that?

19:30:28 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

My friends is a top person at Google I can ask him!

19:30:44 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

What the path is for a school like ours, plus they are local in Montara with a rising K ;)

19:33:23 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

YES, I could not agree more.

19:33:32 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

That should be the theme of our auction: One Community.

19:35:01 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Awwwwwwww Christina. You are, not only, an amazing mother but you are a hero to all of our kids when they reach 9th grade. Thank you for what you do as a teacher day in and day out at Half Moon Bay HS. Thank you for coordinating all those scholarships which is for the first time integrating coastside students to LCM. <3

19:35:15 From Kyle Ekberg to Everyone:

Does the PTO get to decide this? I thought this was a district policy?

19:36:12 From Kelly Hoffman-Davis to Everyone:

We don't but we represent a voice for the parents

19:36:43 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:

Yes, but we the people are all part of the district, so the pressure needs to build.

- 19:37:22 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Awwww your son is so adorable!!!
- 19:38:17 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Good, I will reach out too! As my son is in a private school in SF so its only now I'm realizing this with my first grader. Its so so so sad. ;{
- 19:39:25 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
I completely feel like an outlier to my son's own school. We are all still OUTSIDE so that is the hypocritical part, and it was my first grader that pointed that part out to me.
- 19:39:45 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Thank you for your speech Kelly!
- 19:41:25 From Claire Lacy to Everyone:
Agree!
- 19:41:45 From Ryan 🌸 to Everyone:
Yes, Catarina!! YES!!!!
- 19:42:27 From sara Neale to Everyone:
What do the teachers want?
- 19:42:32 From Jessica Hale to Everyone:
parents meeting on campus is also good visibility for the kiddos
- 19:43:55 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Yes, great visibility!
- 19:44:01 From Kyle Ekberg to Everyone:
I think legally if you want to go on campus during school hours you need to sign in as a visitor
- 19:44:34 From Christina Sullivan to Everyone:
I sent an email earlier. Happy to have my name added to the official record of parents in support of opening the campus.
- 19:44:40 From Jeff to Everyone:
Agreed, Kyle
- 19:45:30 From Friends of Farallone View PTO to Everyone:
I am sorry about that Christina. I'll make sure Danielle records your name
- 19:45:59 From Danielle McGee to Everyone:
I got it
- 19:46:03 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Yes, great question!!!
- 19:46:04 From Danielle McGee to Everyone:
Christina that is
- 19:46:21 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
We can always pressure the district!
- 19:47:06 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Fair, we should respect all. We can do an email campaign as many parents did not even know about the PTO.
- 19:47:25 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
And vaccinated!
- 19:47:59 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Teachers can also step away from parents, or remain in their classrooms, right?
- 19:49:09 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
We, the parents, do hang out with the kids the teachers spend all day long with, but we are with our kids 24/7.
- 19:50:15 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
With all due respect, It is not a scary time for all of us, but thank you for your opinion.
- 19:50:43 From Claire Lacy to Everyone:
We are lucky to have an outdoor campus too!
- 19:50:51 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Sooooo lucky!
- 19:51:08 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
The italian School in SF costs \$36K per year and does not have 1/4 the outdoor space we have!!
- 19:51:59 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
Thank yo for your time Amy, Angela and Sara and Danielle and every one else!!!!
- 19:52:04 From Catarina Williams to Everyone:
you*