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PTO Board Attendees:

- Kristi Gillis
- Angela Ekberg
- Jen McCormick
- Sara Neale
- Claire Lacey
- Danielle McGee

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker
Rebecca Jeffs
Meg Tabaka

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December

- Kristi moves to approve; Sara seconds; approved

Call to Order: *Kristi 6:40pm*

- Playground revitalization updates
 - Had presentation from SPEC playgrounds present renderings of potential upper and lower playground options and pricing prior to the PTO meeting
 - Next Steps: Angela will reach out and obtain additional bids/options from another vendor we met when the district organized a playground vendor meeting in November
 - Idea: upgrade upper kid playground, and make lower kid playground a “Green Schoolyard”
 - We would like to have kids vote on final 3 options
 - Claire will reach out to the county to potentially help fund the build, as they funded the Moss Beach Park remodel
 - PTO has roughly \$175k in reserves that may be able to be used towards a new playground; would still need additional fundraising efforts to fund the remaining costs
- Teacher support district-wide events
 - (School Board/District meeting Thursday 1/18)
 - School community is encouraged to attend the School Board District meeting Thursday, January 18th (at least the first 30 minutes) and wear red to support teachers
 - Would also like to see if there are current or past CUSD students who would like to speak about their experience/teachers that were impactful to them
 - Meeting starts at 6pm; Public comments due before 3 pm 1/18 for those that would like to submit comments/questions to the board/district
 - Encouraging community to wear red next week in support of teachers
- Scholastic Book Fair

- Confirmed for Sept 30 – October 4, 2024 (will be Monday-Wednesday)
- New registers will be provided (which have been difficult in the past)
- Not sure yet if this is a minimum week as district hasn't finalized the calendar yet
- Reminders:
 - Incoming Kinder Tours 1/10 and 2/7 @ 4:00pm
 - TK and Kinder Registration opens January 16, 2024
 - TK class at FV will be based on enrollment numbers
 - Super Friday 1/26: Minimum Day
- February PTO meeting
 - Dr. McPhetridge will be here 6pm for open FV community discussion; Kristi will create a google doc for questions to be listed and provided to Dr. McPhetridge prior to the meeting
 - Notes from meeting will not be taken and provided back out to the community, due to difficulties organizing this in the previous meeting; families encouraged to attend in person
- Auction Planning
 - Decision made during PTO meeting that we will pivot Auction from what we have been doing the last few years (online auction) and what was done in years past (live auction)
 - We will have a Parent's Night Out at the Wine Bar in Moss Beach (like we did as a kickoff to the Auction last year), with a silent auction of 10-20 larger auction items/raffle prizes
 - Decision was made due to effort involved in obtaining items and prep for live/online auction with few volunteers, potential \$16K savings in budget required moving forward, and fun/success of last year's Parent's Night Out
 - Kristi will reach out to Shondra at the Wine Bar to secure date (hoping Saturday, March 23rd), and to Raul Castillo and Gymtowne to host Kid's Night Out

Financials: *Sara*

- Received Giants ticket program check: \$130
- Received Farm Fresh to You program check for 2H 2023: \$324
- Voluntary Tuition currently at \$65K (exceeded goal already)
- Currently at 65% of fundraising goal for the year with Move-A-Thon, Auction and Coastside Gives fundraising efforts left
- Could potentially have a savings of \$12K this year because Ms. Kaia is getting health benefits elsewhere (PTO has been paying \$16K a year for this, included in total budget); potential \$16K savings/year moving forward, which would lower our budget need each year moving forward

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- Spelling Bee
 - Have finalists for Spelling Bee, who will be competing January 22
 - Parents of participants are welcome to attend
- Phase 1 Construction Update
 - On track to be completed by end of summer 2024 for start of the school year

- Phase 2 to begin soon after, Fall 2024
- Great Kindness Challenge will be the week of January 22

Discussion Items:

- Move-A-Thon: Monday, February 5th – Sunday February 10th
 - Kickoff event Monday 5th, half hour with each class
 - 99Pledges will be set up; will have paper and online options to log minutes
 - Classroom prizes for highest percentage of participation
 - Fundraising Goal: \$15,000
- Oceans week
 - Scientific content for the week is looking good
 - Fish and Wildlife are going to come and do a salmon obstacle course
 - Need a plan for Art piece; possibly painting river rocks – one by each student, to create a river to be used either around lower kid playground area or outdoor classroom
- Earth Day
 - Earth Day is Monday, April 22, but is the first day back from Spring Break; may need to move celebration of Earth Day to a different day
 - Ideas: kids will make their own wildflower seed packets to take home; Seed bombs (previous years, Hasset Hardware (Ace) in HMB donated the seeds)

Items Needing Action:

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Important Dates:

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL:** Monday, January 15th
- **Move-A-Thon:** February 5th – 11th
- **President's Week – No SCHOOL:** February 19th – 23rd