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Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker
Sarah

Call to Order at 6:36: *Kristi*

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January

- Sara moves to approve; Angela seconds; minutes approved

President's Report: *Kristi/Angela*

- Playground revitalization updates
 - Angela contacted HMB friends of Parks & Req
 - This group currently trying for a new pool at HMBHS - they can help with advising us on our endeavor
 - Two estimates/designs: Spec and Miracle Playgrounds
 - Still pursuing DSA solution - response from Dr. Contreras did not resolve open questions about how this process is managed
 - Next steps:
 - Ask Rinaldo Veseliza (CUSD Facilities manager) if he can explain the steps of the DSA review - can CUSD file the paperwork and what is the cost
 - Determine whether the vendors' plans would meet the landscape architect obligations
 - Plan school wide parent vote on whether to use savings for this initiative (vote in April)
 - Ensure parents understand that CUSD might have additional funds for playground enhancements at the end of the modernization effort so there is full transparency before the vote
 - Need to determine how we best partner with CUSD with controls on the funds
 - Setup easels/posters with images of the prospects for parents to see as they come in/out next week for conferences and book fair
 - Schedule a playground-focused meeting open to all parents
- Performing Arts 24/25

- Once upon a time FV had a Shakespeare program and it fizzled out post-covid
- The teacher who used to run the program retired
- Propose bringing it back as an after school program like opera or talent show

- Varied dismissal times add complications for presenting an entire play with after school rehearsals
 - Tentatively propose focusing the play on 4/5
- Schedule would be:
 - Opera in the fall
 - Shakespeare in winter (before winter break)
 - Talent Show in spring
- Consider adding an after school drama club for younger students for fall since they will be too young to join the play and opera (K/1 - 3)
- This helps the students build skills for doing Shakespeare when they are older
- The club would focus on stage presence fundamentals, but not require any work at home
- Three year rotation of plays: Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, Comedy of Errors
- Kindergartners would continue to have their own play
- Maybe Ms. Jenny would provide a 1st grade performance option such that 2/3 has drama club and 1st still has a performing arts performance
- Ms. Julia would lead the efforts as the instructor
- Shakespeare requires parental involvement; Would need to require parental support/volunteering for student participants; Parent in charge of costumes, one in charge of tech, etc.
- March Reading Madness this month; underway
- Coastside Gives
 - Thursday, May 2
 - Biggest fundraising ask ever for Coastside Gives
 - Trying for \$25K to support the playground renovation (\$10K for budget, additional \$15K for playground)
 - Will start in earnest in April
 - Giving opens in April
 - Prizes will be announced next week - anticipate changes from previous years
 - More than 65 nonprofits participating this year, many are small
 - Program going out first week of April
 - Setup signs around campus directing people to the Coastside Gives link via QR code
- Ocean's Week
 - Schedule
 - Friday, 5/24: T-Shirt screening & (potentially) Marine Science Institute activities (MSI paid for by Safe Routes to School)
 - Tuesday: Point Blue Conservation assemblies (including live stream from Farallon Islands) (no charge)
 - Wednesday: Greater Farallones Crab Cab (K-3) & salmon dissection (4/5) (\$550)
 - Thursday: Fish & Wildlife common murre activity (no charge)
 - Friday: Pacifica Beach Coalition assembly about whales (\$250)

- Budget
 - Spent \$800 on assemblies/science events
 - Spent \$550 on t-shirts for silk screening
 - Currently ~\$600 under budget
- Art project proposal: school of fish – pending teacher feedback
- Beach clean-up
 - Could add a Seahugger event if there's any open space
 - Had been planning a beach clean-up for April for K-5
 - Pacifica Beach Coalition offered to prepare one for a fee, we declined
 - Claire to present/heal lead an April 8 beach clean-up
- Vote on t-shirt order

Financials: *Sara*

- Move-a-Thon:
 - Goal \$15K
 - Post (estimated) expenses: Made \$15,636.19
 - 55% participation rate
 - Ms. Kelly's class won participation & fundraising - there will be a pizza party and a popsicle party
 - Mr. Denault's class won the most active minutes with 13K minutes
 - Jen will announce the winners in Splash
 - Will look at having parties next week
- Next two fundraisers:
 - Parent's Night Out and Auction: goal \$17K
 - Coastside Gives: goal \$10K in budget; raised to \$25K to support fundraising donations for playground enhancements
- Exceeded goal for voluntary tuition, have savings for healthcare costs for science program
- Still need to be cautious about run rate given change to the auction
- Teacher stipends have not been used yet - Amy to send a reminder to teachers

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- TK is confirmed for next year!!
 - One class
 - Confirmed in email by Dr. McPhetridge and Ms. Forrester
 - Kinder registration is currently lower than TK; they often register late
- New intercom system with a bell has been added
 - (Side note: add the morning announcements item to auction again!)
- We did not receive the Whale Tail grants we applied for - understand there were large number of organizations who applied
- Prop 28 funding
 - Increase to VAPA (visual and performing arts programming)
 - FV received ~\$20K
 - 80% of funds have to go to hiring staff
 - Can use 100% of funds for hiring staff if needed
 - Funding is meant to be ongoing (not single year only)
 - Could fund dance, band, visual art ...
 - Does not have to be provided by a certificated teacher provided a teacher is present; or if after school requires permission slips

- Potentially let students vote/nominate ideas
- PTO nominations for funding: Shakespeare + drama club
- Share ideas with Amy throughout the month if you have them
- Plans need to be finalized by May/June
- Sara will send some ideas of projects done in Pacifica
- The Lion Dancers have an after school club they could potentially bring on site (lionsdanceme)
- It is possible to pool funds with other sites to create programs together
- Can parents subsidize any gaps in funding? (Like if it costs \$30K for band, can parents make up the remaining \$10K)? — need to confirm

Discussion Items:

- Auction planning
 - March 23 parents night out at Coastal Vine
 - Alebrijes food truck
 - Kids night out - currently asking Coastal Adventures
 - Great auction items: 2 vacation houses, announcements!, and more - at least \$7000 retail
 - Wine Room will donate 20% of all bottles sold and 10% of other drinks sold
 - More advertising starting soon
 - Will update Splash
 - Will add to birthday board when it's not booked
 - Flyers
 - Make sure people know wine purchased to go counts
- Outdoor classroom
 - 5th grade salad garden starting soon
 - Will plant the external boxes as a flower garden with the seeds donated by Floret
 - Earth Day: seed bombs
 - Consider changing out the Raye Furst garden with flowers
- Dr. McPhetridge April meeting (cancelled due to his resignation)
- CUSD Board Member/Parent meetings
 - Ms. Hines and Ms. Daniel invited to meet with parents (tentatively March 21; 6 - 7:30)
 - We will also cancel the April meeting with Dr. McPhetridge to focus on critical PTO discussions like next year's board and budget
- Ask: Yearbook pictures from families
- Drama/Shakespeare timeline 2024-2025 school year
 - Postponed to next meeting

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – January

Important Dates:

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences – MINIMUM DAYS:** March 11th – 15th
- **Ink Spell Book Fair:** March 12th – 14th 12:00 – 3:00pm
- **Parent's Night Out & Auction:** March 23rd