

Friends of Farallone PTO
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Attendees:

Board Members Present:

- Kristi Gillis
- Angela Ekberg
- Joanna Durand
- Jen McCormick
- Sara Neale
- Claire Lacey

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker
Sherri Hall

Call to Order: *Kristi 6:37pm*

Approval of Meeting Minutes – October

- ✓ Sara motions to approve; Kristi seconds; approved

President's Report: *Kristi & Angela*

- Outdoor Movie Night wrap up
 - Great event, beautiful weather, great to have volunteers so parents can enjoy the movie too; recouped a large portion of what we spent, total PTO spend for the event was \$682
- Grants update:
 - HMBHS students are going to research grants for us as a volunteer opportunity, so Kristi created a google doc for them to track
 - On 11/6, 2 grants were submitted by Kristi and Amy: 1) FV for a path to Outdoor Classroom; 2) District wide to fund ocean focused field trips for K-5; K-2nd grades to Marine Science Institute, 3rd grades to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and 4th-5th grades to Año Nuevo State Park, with busing included
 - Will find out if we will receive the grants in February
- Christina Gortner update
 - Would like us to continue mentioning the meal train; she will be out of work for a while, and meal train has been helpful to her family.
 - PTO has posted it on Facebook, and we can add it to Splash newsletter
- Holiday Bazaar Planning
 - Ms. Linda is going to advertise/post on Facebook, Ms. Diana is running pastry promenade, Boy Scouts will do a pancake breakfast
 - Performances are confirmed: kinder and 1st grades will perform at 10am, John Lester is emceeding and we will have Santa; HMB Review will do inserts, and we will have flyers printed to hang around local businesses
 - Teachers will get ornaments in their boxes on 11/8 for students to decorate



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- So far, indoor booths are sold out, and have 7 outdoor booths, 7 kid outdoor booths and 2 indoor hallway booths

Financials: *Sara*

- \$279K in checking account; Sara will reach out to discuss invoices with CUSD
- 1st quarter invoice for PE and Science from CUSD received
- Outdoor Movie Night: budgeted \$3,000, spent \$682 (!!!)
- Assemblies: have spent \$899 on 2 assemblies for Continent Day, \$187.50 Spelling Bee; we budgeted \$4000, so will look to see what other assemblies we would like to plan

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- Water Shut Off touch base
 - Apologize for what happened, but all are hopeful the groups will work closely together moving forward
 - We thank Amy for all her help through that and for going above and beyond
- Based on feedback from parent and discussion from the last PTO meeting, the crosswalk in front of the school has been painted
- Any input into the parent compact will be appreciated
 - Feedback to add: encourage families to attend at least 1 PTO meeting per year
- May have a Family Engagement Night to make snowflakes the week after Thanksgiving
- Groundbreaking ceremony Monday, November 13th at 9:30am

Discussion Items:

- PTO will look to have a meeting with Sean to discuss open CUSD questions, similar to what Hatch had recently
- Playground revitalization ideas
 - PTO reached out to the district to ask about playground updates, to help with cost estimates, plans etc. (PTO may have funds to support some from reserves, and may need to apply for grants/fundraise)
 - CUSD is having a meeting on November 29th, with 5 vendors showing playground equipment possibilities and cost estimates; inviting FV, Hatch and Kings Mountain, so we have estimates for possible fundraising efforts (currently not district paid, and playground updates for FV is not currently in the renovation/modernization plans)
 - Angela has spoken with Speck playgrounds, who performed a 2020 study of our playgrounds; they are currently building out plans with estimates for us (has worked with CUSD and is an approved vendor)
- Support and Communication:
 - How families can support teachers and increase communication/knowledge of district topics and information amongst the community



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- Will think through how best to do this; if parent volunteers to bring back top things our FV community should be aware of after each CUSD School Board Meeting;
- Follow up from 9/5 meeting: Event Banners to order
 - Only urgent ones would be for Holiday Bazaar, and will look at the others from prior meeting; Danielle will paint over old wooden Holiday Bazaar signs
- Outdoor Classroom Shed and Maintenance
 - Hose has exploded twice; Kaia got another hose, but broke as well; looking to get a metal pipe to go to irrigation
- Shakespeare play
 - Third grade parents with older children would like to bring back Shakespeare in some capacity; would like to brainstorm how to make this work
 - If it were to come back, couldn't take up as much academic time as it did previously, perhaps like Opera
 - Would need grant or PTO budget, as it would need funding
- Ocean's Week
 - No new updates, but inherited décor from Continent Day today that can be used
- BeachBreak wants to do an assembly of a movie for our school February 12th tentatively; film is 25 minutes, and some members will provide live music, look at instruments and ask questions
- Yearbook supplements from 22/23 school year have been distributed, and shipped to those families that have moved

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – October

Important Dates:

- **Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL:** Friday, November 10th
- **Thanksgiving Recess – NO SCHOOL:** November 20-24
- **Holiday Bazaar:** Saturday, December 2nd