

**Friends of Farallone PTO**  
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Attendees:

Board Members Present:

- Angela Ekberg
- Kristi Gillis
- Danielle McGee
- Claire Lacy
- Sara Neale
- Allison Bunch

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker  
Whitney Dewar  
Priscilla Ebersole

Call to Order: 6:40

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November (no meeting in December): Sara motions to approve; Kristi seconds

President's Report: *Angela*

- Update from UCSD equity survey meeting
  - Was postponed; date TBD
- Lion Dancer Assembly
  - Confirmed for March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Amy is discussing with Principal at El Granada if they would like to join
- BGCC Wizards Tournament
  - Sunday at 4pm; tickets still on sale
  - Every elementary school in CUSD is going to get a portion of ticket sales
  - Farallone View is top elementary schools for ticket sales so far
  - Looking for second volunteer to help with merch sales from 2-6pm (free ticket to the game)
- Move-A-Thon (February)
  - Kickoff event will be Monday; outdoor circuit kids will rotate
  - Paper Trackers: in past years, kids had paper trackers and 99Pledges website online tracking; Paper tracker is a bit painful to manage
    - Sara proposing we eliminate paper trackers and all minutes tracked online
    - Group agreed; will provide students paper tracker to track their minutes (so they can do this on their own), but will require minutes to be logged on 99Pledges
  - Won't do prize table this year, but will pass out stickers
  - May do a smoothie party for class with highest participation; will think on prize for top movers

- March Reading month planning (March)
  - Planning has started; same favorites (Read Across America, local volunteers to read to students, Scholastic Book Fair, Book Swap (maybe 2), etc.)
- Auction planning (April)
  - Angela sent an email to all parents who signed up to help for the Auction
  - Auction planning meeting to be scheduled for week of 1/23
- New Whiskers: order was cancelled due to supply chain issues; can try reordering again in the Spring

Financials: *Sara*

- \$234,273 in checking account; \$80,915 in money market (money market interest rate has dropped greatly)
  - May look to see how to invest some of this into another account; Kelly may have more background on this, but Boys and Girls Club did something similar for long-term investing and had success)
- District's first quarter bill didn't include Ms. Kaia's spend, so currently trending behind because District bills haven't reflected all costs
- Voluntary Tuition: Currently raised \$61,365 (goal was \$55,000) ~\$11K from corporate matching so far
- Holiday Bazaar: did really well! Raised \$4,600 (goal was \$2,500)
- Movie Night: raised \$571 (didn't expect to make any money as this wasn't a fundraiser event)
  - We still have 3 more fundraisers and are at 57% of our fundraising goal for the year
- Received a check from the Furst family for Furst Garden

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- Opera Together success
  - Worked out really well; Ms. Julia coordinated this; had a full house, all the kids, was a nice event and was good to have it again.
- Continent Day feedback
  - At staff meeting following Continent Day, asked staff to provide positives and room for improvement from the format this year:
    - Positives:
      - Liked it was on a Tuesday, minimum day
      - Drumming was overwhelmingly the highlight
      - Having parent volunteers was great
      - Liked the small groups and having food again
      - Was better than moving as a class last year
      - Nice to have the library open as a break room
    - Room for Improvement:
      - Bell System/Announcement: people couldn't hear
      - Missing the festival feel
      - Not enough classes (though we can't help that)
    - Feedback from Parents during PTO meeting:
      - Liked the format this year
        - Felt previous years it was chaotic and overwhelming, especially for the younger students; format was a good compromise
      - Allowed for students to learn and appreciate each room and take it in
        - with so much parent time spent, important for us for everyone to be able to appreciate
      - Loved the drumming piece as well; PTO can look to add Continent Day as a budget line moving forward to offer more things like this

- Kid Power Workshop
  - Was postponed due to storms; reschedule for January 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm English workshop on zoom, 6:15pm Spanish; help parents teach their kids on how to establish boundaries, consent (1 hour)
- Safe Routes to School
  - No updates, request for an audit has been out there
- Kinder/TK enrollment
  - Started this week, January 16<sup>th</sup>; don't have number so far
    - TK: Magic number is 12; if we have 12 students, FV will have a TK class
- Power outage/Internet outage:
  - Thank you to parents for being understanding and flexible
  - Good opportunity to reassess the systems we have in place, what needs to be refined
  - Learned Fax line still works in an outage, Generator can be started to help
    - Generator powers most of the campus, though if they were to power CCP, it would have gone out
  - New build: doing solar, looking to add back up battery
  - Internet is Comcast here
- Spelling Bee:
  - 4 classroom spelling bees have taken place so far, classes will have their top 5 finalists; Kinder not participating, but Ms. Sherry will do a classroom version
  - Hosting a good ol' fashion School-wide Spelling Bee will be next Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am; parents whose children are finalists will be invited (though others can attend as well)

Discussion Items:

- Art in Action:
  - Teachers are mostly doing this themselves; those that wanted parent help, have reached out to parents directly
- Outdoor Classroom
  - Feedback/approval on plans from Mr. Jones from Teachers
    - Kristi shared plans with group at PTO meeting
    - High School students will build these with Mr. Jones' training and expertise for credit; will be paid for by the Grant money
    - Hoping to get completed by Earth Day
    - Need to spend Grant money by May
- Ray Furst Garden
  - Needs weeding, new plant signs
- Kinder bed install plan
  - Sara and Kristi will work on this
- BMX show assembly
  - BMX Company can do Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for Move-A-Thon, but we can save 10-15% + \$200 travel fee (~\$500) if we schedule in March/April during their school assembly "Healthy Habits" tour
    - Decided to move to March/April date; will send dates and company to Amy
- Lit club garage sale
  - Sara doesn't feel the PTO has the bandwidth to help with garage sale, will talk again with Kelly
- Earth Day Planning:
  - Kristi will message parents that were willing to help
  - Looking to bring back the Sunflowers as an annual tradition; plant one, take one; potential Garden Hero/Earth Hero

- Highschool is putting together a drive to help Mamadu (drummer from Continent Day); asked if FV would like to participate, we do, so more to come
- ALAS was working to gather donations for Moonridge families; Kristi is in touch with ALAS and will reach out if there is anything we can help with

Ocean's Week ideas:

- Theme: California Coasts
- Life in Whiskers film: \$250 to license the movie for the day
- Greater Farallones: reached out: shark mobile and otter workshop
- MSI (Marine Science Institute): really wanted to do inland voyage k-2, and for 3-5 Marsh and Beach field trip in Redwood City area
  - May have funds for an increased budget proposal since CUSD doesn't have funds this year; will discuss at next PTO meeting
- Screen printing t-shirts (1<sup>st</sup> grade dad is going to help with this)
- Murals: Alexis Clark (1<sup>st</sup> grade mom) is going to lead this

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – November

Important Dates:

- **Move-A-Thon** – February 6 – 10<sup>th</sup>
- **President's Week – NO SCHOOL:** February 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Read Across America Day** – Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **End of Second Trimester** – Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences – MINIMUM DAYS** – March 6 – 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Scholastic Book Fair** – March 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Book Fair Family Night** – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>