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Attendees:

Board Members Present:

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

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker  
Sherry Hall  
Joanna  
Meg Tabaka

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January: Sara motions to approve; Kristi seconds; approved

President's Report: *Angela*

- Update from CUSD equity survey meeting
  - There have been no updates
- All PTOs will have meeting with people with the District to confirm what they will be supplying the schools, and what we need to budget for in March
- March Reading month planning (March)
  - Planning has begun:
    - Kickoff Thursday, 3/2
      - Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Read Across America
      - Volunteer readers this day in each class
      - In the past, everyone reads together outside/MU
    - Lunar New Year Assembly Friday 3/3
    - Scholastic Book Fair – 3/6 – 3/8
      - Family Night Tuesday 3/7
    - Book Mobile week of the 13<sup>th</sup>
      - San Mateo County Libraries – book mobile is out of service, but has a van; would allow students to check out a book, can be returned to the HMB library
      - May look to do this after school
    - BMX Assembly 3/24
    - Book Swap 3/31
    - Pizza party for March Reading month – 4/10
      - if schools as a whole read more than the total minutes read last year (~86K minutes)

- Auction planning (April)
  - Online auction has made very close to the amount raised in the last 2 years, so Auction team decided to do an online auction again this year vs. in person live auction/parents night out
  - Kickoff will be an Adults only night Saturday 4/15<sup>th</sup>
    - We will be looking for a location to share % of profits to the school
      - Asking Hop Dogma and Blue Ocean Distillery
  - Online auction will allow us to save on upfront costs, reaches more families & extended families
    - Team has started to collect donations, sponsorships
      - Sponsorships will help with online software fees/food for kickoff
        - We have 3 sponsorships so far
- Move-A-Thon (February)
  - Students should have received their 99 Pledges page via email
  - \$1,020 has already been raised
  - Monday 2/6 is kickoff
    - Each class will come to blacktop by B building and have 25 minutes of circuits, and each student will get a handout about Move-A-Thon
    - Main Difference for this year: Student minutes must be entered online into 99Pledges
  - An email for Move-A-Thon will go out to families
  - Sara will verify pledges that come in

Financials: *Sara*

- Wizards Tournament success!
  - Our school made \$2,307! Unexpected/unplanned donation
- Amazon is terminating their Amazon Smile program as of 2/20, we historically got ~\$200/year with that program
- Venmo is going to allow non-profits to set up accounts
  - Square: charges 2.6% + \$0.10 per transaction, Venmo will be 1.9% + \$0.10 per transaction
  - Sara looking into setting up a Venmo account for FOFPTO

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- Kinder/TK enrollment
  - 6 kinder, 6 TK students enrolled, though some TK are on the list for Hatch Immersion
  - We have had 5 people sign up for the next TK/Kinder tour on 2/16
  - If we don't get at least 12 students enrolled in TK for FV, FV won't be able to offer TK
- Spelling Bee success
  - Spelling Bee was much fun! Great feedback, look forward to continuing next year
  - Winner will take online test, if passes, will go onto San Ramon Valley Bee, if wins, onto Washington
- FV Modernization Project/School Renovation:
  - Phase 1 will begin this summer – A Building
  - Had staff meeting with architect on 1/24; Amy has meetings weekly to fine tune plans
  - Teachers provided a few tweaks and feedback, and team is open to the feedback
  - Amy shared images for Phase 1 and Phase 2

- Kindness Week
  - Students made giant paper chain in the MU of words of kindness
- District Wide Communication was sent
  - Covid and Flu testing will be offered at FV every Monday, can register, or drop in
    - Staff, teachers, students, parents
- KidPower Workshop for parents has been rescheduled again 2/8 at 5pm English, 6:15 Spanish

Discussion Items:

- Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> is Holi Day of Color
  - Priscilla suggested kids would wear white, and Priscilla's mom would share what the day is about
  - Teachers would toss a powdered paint at the students
  - Will look into potentially doing this next year, as this March is very busy
- BMX show assembly: confirmed Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am; 50% deposit due
- Earth Day Planning
  - Earth Day is Saturday 4/22, will celebrate Friday, 4/21
    - Students will plant a sunflower
    - Earth Hero: students will vote on Earth Day Hero
    - Will do lady bug release again this year
- Outdoor Classroom Updates:
  - Green House has been emptied out
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade harvested chard that they brought home to their families
  - We have Kinder Garden Beds that need to be put together
  - Hose was turned on somehow overnight in the HEAL Garden, was on all night and flooded the playground
    - Discussing with the District to fence in the area like at Hatch, lock on the hose

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – January

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>