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Attendees:

Board Members Present:

- Angela Ekberg
- Sara Neale
- Allison Bunch
- Kristi Gillis
- Claire Lacey

Additional Attendees:

Whitney Dewar
Jennie Rowell (incoming parent)
Priscilla Ebersole
Joanna Durand
Simon Olavarria
Rose Bennington
Patty (incoming parent)
Chelsea Lyon
Meg Tabaka
Alexis Liu

Call to Order:

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February & March

President's Report: *Angela*

- March Reading Madness was a success
- 2 assemblies in March sponsored by the PTO were fantastic
 - Lion Dancers & BMX Show
- HMB Library van will be coming to FV bi-weekly
- Auction Planning:
 - Will be online only this year, with a Parent's Night Out kick off event Friday, April 14th at The Coastal Vine
- Talent Show
 - Will be Saturday, May 13th in the afternoon
 - Julia is running it
 - "Try-Outs" are to screen the acts, not for kids to make the roster
 - We will need volunteers to run it, please reach out if you are able to help
 - We really need AV help to man the sound board during the event
- Cave-Sim
 - Traveling cave simulation will be in the Bay Area in the fall or January
 - Hoping to split travel costs with El Granada and Library

- Continent Day 2023 is Australia
 - Angela is looking to secure a performance/lesson

Principal's Report: *Amy*

- March Reading Madness was a huge success. We crushed last year's record of 82,000 minutes and set a new record of 109,000+ minutes. Thanks to the PTO for the pizza party!
- Our Kindergarten play was so much fun. Thanks to Geneva Putnam and Sherri Hall for bringing the hedgehog scientists, space flowers, and more to our stage.
- A power outage on March 22 caused the play to be postponed.
 - We were better prepared this time: lanterns with batteries were deployed before students arrived, the landline phone number was posted out front at drop-off.
 - Since then, walkie talkies have been placed in classrooms in case of power outages to ensure easier/faster communication between teachers and office staff.
 - CUSD is looking into purchasing another generator in case of future power outages. Unfortunately, it is difficult a time to secure one at this time.
- Mold testing was conducted at FV earlier this month. Please see the communication that went out to families this week. Mold spore counts were lower inside than the outside count. We continue to have air purifiers in every classroom regardless.
- Boundaries and school enrollment changes for 24-25 school year to be discussed at the board meeting tonight. These would hopefully result in an increase in student enrollment at Farallone View.
- After-school CAASPP test sessions are underway in preparation for state testing in May for grades 3-5. A letter went home to families today to provide additional information about the CAASPP assessment.
- Family Math Night Wednesday, April 14 from 6:30-7:30. Students in grades 4-5 will lead Math game stations for students in grades K-3.
- Looking forward to the Auction kickoff tomorrow night! Let me know how I may be of assistance. Thank you for everything!

Financials: *Sara*

- We have \$219,000 in our checking account currently. Largest expenses still to come - district 3rd & 4th qtr bills & corrected 1st qtr bill.
- Our Benevity Re-certification has been completed. This keeps us eligible for corporate matching programs through Benevity.
- Got both of our PayPal account out of Kelly's name and into mine.
- Created a Venmo Non-profit account for us. It required a PayPal Non-profit account for verification which we already had, BUT Venmo requires it to be tied to phone #, which is mine... so slightly nervous about the account transfer situation... Worst case scenario, I will have to print or download all transaction records & close my FOFPTO account and then a new board member can re-open with their number? I think. There doesn't seem to be any info available online about this. Will continue hunting it down.
 - They offered a free QRKIT for new non-profit accounts - that has been ordered.

- **Amy** - can you please remind teachers who have not done so - that they have a \$200 stipend from PTO this school year? If they haven't already done so, please submit a reimbursement form OR contact me to make a purchase on their behalf.
 - Denault is the only grade teacher with a submission (he has \$66 left), Martina has used all hers, Kaia has \$251 left to spend
- Move-a-thon closed out. A check for \$19,116.85 is on route from 99 Pledges.
- Scholastic Book Fair is closed. We plan to take the cash out option instead of scholastic points. I need to confirm the invoice from them vs. the register print outs - will do that as soon as I am released from quarantine. Will let you know where we land...

Discussion Items:

Ocean's Week

- It's shaping up!
- Theme this year is California Coast, ocean ecology where we live.
- Greater Farallones is back, (they have a 10-15 year history with FV & Ocean's Week)
- Invited Pacifica Beach Coalition, they will do a presentation on nudibranchs
- Shell from Sea Hugger will be leading upper grades (2-5) on a beach cleanup.
 - Kinder & 1st will be dependent on teacher's and what they want their class to do.
 - Kids will walk to Montara Beach
 - Sea Hugger will do a Nurdle Presentation
- Marine Mammal Sanctuary is showing "Life in Whiskers" - a movie and we will have popcorn
- Silk screening design contest
 - Voted on by Alexis Liu & Eric Kneeland (Eric will also make the screen)
- Alexis is helping with the school community art project - will be a mosaic or mural - TBC
- Recycled Art Show - same theme -> California Coast
 - Deadline for submission is Tuesday of Ocean's Week, setup will happen on Wednesday, for Open House on Thursday.
- Volunteers will be needed throughout the week
 - Art show set up and take down
 - mosaic/mural
 - Silk screening
 - Popcorn during movie
 - Field trip to Montara Beach

Outdoor Classroom

- Big Creek Lumber has given us a huge discount
- Soil Farm has gifted us a large amount of soil
- HMB HS - build was delayed due to the wet ground
- Lots of volunteers will be needed to complete the classroom
- Earth Day celebration will be delayed this year for the reveal of the new space.
 - Kids will plant sunflowers again, 1 in the garden beds, 1 to take home
 - Release ladybugs

- Funds from the outdoor classroom budget were also used to purchase raised beds for the kinder area, some soil will be used to fill those too.

Book Fair:

- Next year we are shifting to Literati
- Scholastic has been very glitchy and their customer service has not been great.
- Literati is more user friendly & reportedly a much easier setup

Open Comments:

- PTO Retreat set for April 30th
- Be sure to fill in the survey's from the district.
 - This a good spot to ensure we give feedback on things FV needs, reading intervention support for our students for example.

Items Needing Action:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes – February & March (will look to approve in May meeting)

Important Dates:

- **FV Auction Kickoff** – Saturday, April 15th
- **Online Auction** – April 15th – 22nd
- **Earth Day Celebration** – Friday, April 21st
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – May 1st – 5th
- **Coastside Gives** – Thursday, May 4th
- **Ocean's Week** – May 22nd – 26th
- **Open House** – Thursday, May 25th
- **Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL** – Monday, May 29th
- **5th Grade Promotion** – Wednesday, May 31st
- **Last Day of School for Students** – Thursday, June 1st