

Foothill Elementary PTA Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called by Amy Oakey

Attendance:

Kassie Voigt, Beatriz Castillo, Greg Sclafani, Kathleen Cochran, Sarah Bethel, Erin Brown, Erin Zimmerman, Erin Bentz, Jenny Riggs, Debi Jorgensen, Angela Jones, Amy Oakey, Jeremy Brunner, Renae Wakamatsi, Lisa Oliver, Suzy Baller, Cyndi Jordan

Welcome

Amy Oakey welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SALT Business:

Salt Team shared their experience and what they learned at the leadership conference. Among the topics they learned were: courage, lightening other's loads, life is hard but we can accept it and improve things. Don't judge and be yourself. You can change the perspective of other's lives. They enjoyed the speakers. They thanked the PTA for the grant that allowed them to attend. **Amy Oakey** thanked them for helping with Wellness week. Principal Brunner asked how the food was and the kids said it was SO good!

School Business:

Mr. Brunner reported things have been going well. He sent the stakeholder's report out and got some positive feedback. He said the school ordered 90 additional chrome books, but when the district received them, they were water damaged. So, they were returned and they should arrive in the next month.

Treasurer Report

Angela Jones shared the current report. It was noted that Box tops have made \$507 so far, of a \$2300 goal for the school year.

Wellness Week Review

Sarah Bethel asked the teachers for feedback on the Wellness week. All were positive, and the teachers liked the changes. They said it was much better not having a bunch of crazy stuff and felt the topics were pertinent and good to discuss. **Amy Oakey** said children can still bring in their yellow paper for the week for a prize. **Parents** said they missed out on some of the crazy things. **Mr. Brunner** suggested maybe separate from wellness week they could do a day of crazy things when it wouldn't disrupt class as much. **Parents** liked the different topics. Suggestions for a spirit week or occasional Friday for dress up such as Fall

Break or the last week of school. It was recommended to not do Wellness Week during the week of Halloween.

Spelling Bee

Erin Zimmerman learned what has been done in the past and could use more help. She has registered the school and requested a date for the school spelling bee. The Regional Spelling Bee is March 10th. The school spelling bee was set for **February 1st from 6-8 p.m.**

Budget Vote

Angela Jones shared we made about \$46,000 for the Fall Festival, which is \$23,000 more than was in the budget. With the extra money, proposals have been made for what to do with the extra.

It was proposed to give \$100 to the Kindergarten music program, \$1000 to repair the marquee, and \$15,000 to the Alpine Foundation to enable the school to hire some aides.

Discussions for these included:

The aides would be trained and screened and would be for 19 weeks. There would be approximately 3 hours per grade per day for 4 days a week. The aides will help with literacy and math and whatever the teachers feel is needed. The principal will not have a program. The teachers know what the needs are and they'll discuss them on Mondays in collaboration, as to the needs which could change weekly. The timeframe would be to hire as soon as possible. Elementary education majors would be good and if anyone knows of some, it was requested they let them know of the positions. The hourly wage is \$9.10/hour and would be about 29 hours per week. The **principal** said he could bring a monthly accounting to the meeting regarding what the aides are doing.

A concern about what if the marquee cost more and they said that the SALT team and others will help and so it shouldn't cost more.

Angela Jones proposed the PTA give \$100 to kindergarten music. **Greg Sclafani** seconded it. The vote passed unanimously.

Angela Jones proposed the PTA give \$1000 to repair the front marquee. **Cassie Voight** seconded it. The vote passed unanimously.

Angela Jones proposed the PTA give \$15,000 to Alpine Foundation. **Erin Brown** seconded it. The vote passed unanimously.

Closing Notes

Amy Oakey said PTA nominations are due in January and could use help writing them. Parents will get nomination opportunities.

The PTA also needs a new President for next school year. If no one volunteers, a nominating committee of 3-5 people to nominate someone.

Meeting Adjourned