

FOOTHILLS ACADEMY

ELEMENTARY PREPARATORY

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Welcome

-Introductions

Board in attendance: Cara (P), Jamie (VP), Kristin D-P (VP), Marissa (S), Stevanie (T)
Dr & Mr White, Mrs Hibbets, 9-12 parents

Treasurer's Report

\$18, 550.43
(\$5000 reserve; \$4500 earmarked for playground; \$300/teacher (\$2400))

Principal's/Teachers' Topics

-Dr. White

Playground – shade ripped over the summer. Quote to fix is \$1200 to replace fabric, but can move to another location (original company was sold and will not replace under warranty)

Proposed that money can come from our playground reserve – voted and passed

Dr White would also like to further improve the playground – maybe painting games on blacktop (Foursquare, gameboards); jump ropes, hula hoops, sand something?, playhouse?, use of side yard? – we will continue this discussion next month.

Shannon may have turf to donate; possible play area designated for K-2?

Birthday book club suspended (no library; books were absorbed into classrooms). Suggestion of shift to contributions for playground/school items – change name to monthly Birthday Club (on your birthday, give your school a present); items determined monthly and those students' contributions go toward that larger item.

Partnership with Foothills Library – teachers able to keep books for longer, have books pulled from library.

Technology – huge improvements from last year – thank you notes from teachers; this year we are looking for Copernicus-Dewey arms to turn iPads into projectors (Turkey Trot money will be used for this). Moved to vote (Kristin) to spend current funds to buy the arms; approved. Turkey Trot money designation determined at next meeting.

Then Turkey Trot money will go toward either playground equipment; will come up with some ideas and partner with Student Council to come up with a list of ideas for using funds; next meeting have SC come to present their ideas.

Discussion

-Support Fee and Tax Credit

Documents going up on website; links will be set up and sent out; tax credit push early for kinder support; link is live so that parents can contribute now.

-Curriculum Night

Info for parents; uniform sales; clothing-safe stickers for events to put on students as reminders

-Membership Drive

Reactivating Square to collect PTO fees so there are multiple ways to collect dues.

-Collecting Contact Information

PTO will do this at all upcoming events to facilitate communication with parents.

-Playground Sunshade

(Notes under Dr White)

-Technology

(Notes under Dr White)

-Birthday Book Club

(Notes under Dr White)

Shannon Beethe talked about school partnership with her horse program/lessons/club – non-profit riding academy - Beethe Arabians/Scottsdale Equestrian Academy 44th & Dynamite; 501C3

Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 17, 2015 4 PM & 6:30 PM

Future Meeting Dates:

October 22, 2015 6:30 PM

November 12, 2015 4 PM & 6:30 PM

December 10, 2015 6:30 PM

	Date(s)	Chair/Lead	Add'l Members	Status/Notes
Ongoing				
Amazon.com				smile.amazon.com
Birthday Club	Monthly	Kathy Ames		Play equipment? Technology??
Used Uniform Sales		Kristin D-P/ Marissa Honey-Jones		
eScrip		Heidi Du Ploy		
Order Lunches		Stacy Fisher/ Brianna Walker		PeiWei Order Lunches will credit Reward accounts if signed up for both; adding more PeiWei items
Friday Morning Coffees	Monthly	Jamie Funk	Jill Bengalia, Catherine Dickert	September 11 (first)
Fall Semester Activities				
Muffins with Moms	October 2	Marissa Honey-Jones	Nina Vomero Shannon Beethe	Set up Sign-up Genius by 9/1; PTO buys coffee
Out to Eat night to support PTO	Oct 14 or 15, 2015 (?)	Jamie Pogue/ Stacy Fischer		Babbo/ Baskin Robbins
Fall Festival	Friday, Nov 13	Kathy Ames	Jamie Pogue Jamie Funk	Friday, Nov 13 4-5:30; 5:30-8 \$15/ea or \$60/fam Getting Sign-up Genius for food donations/ volunteers
Turkey Trot	Nov 20	Kristin D-P	Shannon Beethe Mary Beethe Brianna Walker	Technology money? (TBD)
Scholastic Book Fair	Dec 2015?	Stacy Fischer		Calling for dates
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch	Dec 17, 2015	Nina Vomero		Setup Signup Genius
Barnes & Noble Holiday Shop and Dinner	[push to spring if Book Fair in Dec]	(Tara R – CP) Kathy Ames		Jointly with CP, on a Friday
Spring Semester Activities				
Winter Gala with College Prep	Feb/Mar 2016	Committee is forming	Jointly with CP	
Donuts with Dads	Mar 2016			
Out to Eat night to support PTO	Mar/Apr 2016			
Spring Fling	Apr/May 2016 ??			
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch	May 2016			
Volunteer Appreciation	May 2016			