

FOOTHILLS ACADEMY PTO

Minutes of Foothills Academy PTO Board Meeting
August 28, 2008 @ 3:30 pm

Board Attending: Ellen Miraldi, Kim Avery and Nancy Bartlett

Admin present: Mary Crawford, Don Seneville.

Teachers were Carolyn Smith, Nancy Bleasdale, Diane Kogan, Mr Westfall, Terry Mullane

A very good turnout of parents at this first meeting, new to the school 6th gr. Mom took a great interest in coming.

Don started with updates of the support of after school clubs.

There was a discussion of officers. Ellen updated everyone on the years events so far. Most of the year is already lined out, set up and organized. This would be an easy year for someone to come on board. A little interest, no takers.

Ellen broke down the budget by funds raised and program expenses.

We have \$7000 in our Cultural programs to be used for on campus and off campus programs, teacher's choice.

We shared the Teachers Appreciation luncheon info to parents that are interested in helping put together once a month lunch.

Student activities, update on 6th grade party

The idea to get the staff to use the staff development dollars on various workshops

There was a discussion on Smart Boards and the benefit they will provide in the classroom. Parents were unanimously in support of help raise tax credit dollars for Smart Boards.

Teacher requests were presented:

Carolyn Smith asked for \$500.00 for Yearbook, passed

Vote for senior prom \$500.00, passed

Mary asked for \$703, script Turn-It-In, Passed

Mary asked for seminar for body language, \$500.00, passed

Nancy Bleasdale, \$125.00 for class room management, passed

Diana Kogan and Claudia M funds for "Strengthens Instructors", passed

6th grade Welcome party \$550 to reimburse Angela K, passed

Claudia Moreira will take the position of treasurer; we are still looking for co-presidents

We opened the floor to discussion on the request by FA for additional funds to buy different laptops for \$ 12,000. One of the laptop carts was purchased with used IBMS, they aren't working. The company will take them back but to replace FA needs an additional \$12K.

Sharon Sky made a motion on giving half the money to buy new laptops. Ellen brought up loaning the other half, mixed conversation on this whole topic. The discussion was long and somewhat contentious on why the laptops couldn't be funded with prior year tax credit monies. Why we had to use the same computer company, who many felt had led FA astray. In the end, we voted to provide ½ of the additional funds requested, with the provision that there would be no other FA contributions this school year.

Ellen Lockhart had questions about support fee and tax credit monies and too early a start for the tax credit program; people would not pay their support fees if we started tax campaign too early. It was unanimous again this year that to run a successful tax campaign FA must give the parents a clear and precise goal, with a specific purchase in mind.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 pm

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October 14th, 2008 @ 3:30 pm

Board Attending: Nancy Bartlett and Claudia Moreira

Admin present: Don and Mary

Teachers present: La White, Courtney Mullane and Jared Copeland.

Parents present: Angela Kaplan, Sharon Sky, Karen Crotty, Susan Hartman and Nancy Dutch.

We started off with Don asking who all were going to the Dutch's party. A few hands were shown.

Jared Copland talked up the 24 laptops and carts in school, all is well, they are in use.

Claudia talked about financial update Ellen had prepared. Nancy talked about the lunch program and if any volunteers can help out Monday am sales.

Teacher requests:

Don requested for \$2200 for a portable Smartboard, Claudia mentioned it can't be used in some class rooms so it would not be beneficial to all. Classrooms would have to be wired for its use. We shelved the request until further info was gathered.

Courtney Mullane asked for two seminars @199.00 each, passed

Meeting adjourned 5 pm

Nov. 12, 2008,
Meeting opened at 3:30

The board members present were Claudia Moreira and Nancy Bartlett.

Attendance was taken and introductions of Stephanie Arnold and Sharon Sky were made. Nancy Bartlett motioned to vote in the two as co-presidents and Claudia Moreira seconded.

Stephanie told us a little of herself, she is the current President at Pinnacle Peak Middle School and involved in Student Counsel. Stephanie is looking for the best environment for our children and will work toward this goal. Sharon is a full time working mom who works from home. Sharon brings enthusiasm to PTO; she hopes to dedicate her skills and opportunities to enrich the students' lives. She would also like to get volunteers to help with both middle and high school.

Don welcomed our new presidents. He spoke of enrollment being down and ways to help boost the enrollment.

- 1) Increase press releases,
- 2) Redesign the Foothills Academy web site,
- 3) Add Internet enrollment,
- 4) Have more social events like the Dutch's party, and
- 5) Restart "Coffee with Don"

This all will help bring up enrollment. We are having a Dec. 4 Open House for new students and parents.

Tonya Ensign asked about passwords on web site we are looking into that.

Nancy Bartlett talked about the lunch program and the need for parents to help on Monday mornings. The profit from Bad Donkey sales is quite a bit less this year with the price of food and the vendors' cost going up. Rubio's Tuesday lunches are doing just fine. This year the teachers Christmas luncheon will be brought in from Carrabbas.

Claudia talked about the budget and putting out tables after school to increase membership in PTO.

We discussed GL script; we will be taking Credit Cards for a method of payment to purchase the gift cards. New order forms are available online and in the office. Orders for the month of December will be the 5th and the 12th.

Teacher & Staff Development:

There was a general vote regarding FAPTO paying \$70 for substitute teacher fees. The motion was made by Claudia Moreira and seconded by Susan

Hartman.

Mr. Westfall – How to Motivate Students – cost \$199. The motion was made by Melanie Love and seconded by Claudia.

Mrs. Kogan — Math Seminar – cost \$199. The motion made by Claudia Moreira and seconded by Susan Hartman.

We will now send out minutes from general meeting to all families.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 9th.

3:15 meeting for future meetings.

4:03 pm meeting adjourned.

Fapto Meeting

Dec. 9, 2008

Meeting opened at 3:32

Fapto board members present were Co- pres. Stephanie Arnold, Sharon Sky, Secretary, Nancy Bartlett, Treasurer, Claudia Moreira

Admin. Present were Don Senneville and Joan Puddy, along with Mary Crawford.

Stephanie handed the opening commits over to Don,

Very good news the Open House was a successful event; the turn out was 60 people. The second good new is that U.S. News and World Report ranked our school among the top 7% out of 21,000 schools, with a Bronze medal ranking.

Don committed on what the school has to offer with Extra curriculum activities, Peer mentoring, Community Services, and many more, please read all of them in your handbook.

Claudia explains the budget, Talked about the Safeway scripts and to up-date your info yearly.

Last minute orders on the GL scripts, and American Express is now being accepted for payment on GL Scripts.

Membership drive to encourage people to join FAPTO.

New business, Scholarship to Tanner Matherney for the Hugh O'Brien Award. \$150.00 sponsorship toward this conference.

Angela motions, Nancy seconds. Passed

Teacher Christmas Luncheon is Dec.10, all is set.

Coffee with Don and Joan is set for Dec 16. Coffee and donuts will be provided by FAPTO.

We discussed ways to raise monies by doing a Spring or Fall auction, A Light Rail trip, Girls night out, shopping at a parents home with different vendors and a Crafts or Farmers Market.

Sharon asked to form committees to head up different activities at school.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01

Minutes of the FAPTO Board Meeting February 17, 2009

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Arnold, President at 3:40 p.m.

In attendance were Stephanie Arnold, Claudia M., Nancy B., Susan Hartman, Kim Beale, Tonya Ensign, Angela Kaplan, Leslie McGee, Kathy W.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Motioned by Kathy and 2nd by Angela.

The following items were discussed:

Financials

Fundraising still very low. Need to consider other options for fundraising for the 09-10 school year. Not having auction hurt this year. SCRIP was to be a large portion of fundraising but not successful; even with addition of credit cards.

Spring dance committee working hard for middle school dance followed by high school dance. Location TBD.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 2009. Please keep eye out for email.

Minutes of the FAPTO Board Meeting March 17, 2009

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Arnold, President at 3:45 p.m.

In attendance were Stephanie Arnold, Claudia M., Susan Hartman, Kim Beale, Tonya Ensign, Angela Kaplan, Leslie McGee, Kathy W.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Motioned by Kathy and 2nd by Kim.

The following items were discussed:

Financials

No changes.

Spring dance committee has confirmed date for dance as May 15th at Northridge Community Church. MS will be 6-8 with HS from 8-10. Cost will be TBD. Theme still to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 2009. As usual, please keep eye out for email.

Minutes of the FAPTO Board Meeting April 21, 2009

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Arnold, President at 3:35 p.m.

In attendance were Stephanie Arnold, Claudia M., Susan Hartman, Kim Beale, Tonya Ensign, Angela Kaplan, Leslie McGee, Kathy W.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved. Motioned by Angela and 2nd by Susan.

The following items were discussed:

Financials

What to charge for dance? Do we cover the cost when fundraising is so low?
DJ is \$325., plus food and decorations.

Spring dance committee thinks \$5 to \$10 for the dance.
Motion made to change \$10 by Kim and 2nd by Susan.
Theme is SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!

Changes in Bylaws:

**THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MUST COMPLETE THE ANNUAL TAX RETURN
PRIOR TO TURNING OVER THE REMAINING FUNDS TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE
BOARD.**

Motion made by Angela, 2nd by Kim, no oppose.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 2009. As usual, please keep eye out for email.

**Minutes of the Foothills Academy PTO Board Meeting
May 12, 2009**

The PTO Board meeting was called to order on May 12, 2009 at 3:20 p.m.

In attendance were Stephanie Arnold, Kim Beale, Susan Hartman, Nancy Bartlet, Claudia Moriera, Leslie McGee, Angela Kaplan, Maryanne Stitch, Tuila Pearson, Kathy Wright.

The following items were discussed/voted on:

- **Financial – Wells Fargo needs to receive minutes of new appointed President, Stephanie Arnold and new Treasurer, Kim Beale.**

- **Treasurer – See attached P&L statement. Scrip owes PTO account \$500. A combination locked safe will be purchased for the office for all treasury funds and important information.**

- **Created 2 new Executive positions to include voting privileges:**
 - **MS Parent Representative**
 - **HS Parent Representative**
 - **Motion made by Leslie McGee, 2nd by Maryanne Stitch, no oppose.**

ELECTIONS:

New President; Stephanie Arnold and Executive Board

Treasurer; Kim Beale

Secretary; Susan Hartman

Middle School Representatives; Kathy Wright & Tuija Pearson (one vote for MS)

High School Representative; Marnie Knapp

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm