

# Friends of the OES Libraries

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**  
Platt Global Classroom

*In attendance:* Rebecca Thompson (FOESL co-chair), Jane Gray, Pauls Toutonghi, Gisela Walitzki, Lara Ingham (LS/Head Librarian)

*Minutes submitted by:* Rebecca Thompson

## *Author visits and general library promotion:*

- Lara has submitted for an author visit budget
- Requested \$2500 split among three libraries
  - Will find out if approved in August
- Pauls is directing Lewis & Clark reading series next year; may have ideas to connect program
  - Lara recommends that Pauls speak with Erika
  - example: Eric Schlosser (*Fast Food Nation, The Bomb*) coming to L&C Sept 26th--would he be able to come to campus on Sept 27th?
- Discussion of libraries as community, improving communication about mission of library and building community of readers and storytellers
  - We note that library is a space free of assessment for students (important and unusual!), offers a culture that drives curiosity, and builds relationships over time
- Longer term goal of becoming more visible and maybe bringing a few more (no-cost) events to school, such as LS story sharing event
- Want to bring in more voices speaking to importance of library programs

## *Summer reading programs:*

- Totally revamping summer reading program, no writing/assessment/prizes
- Announcement will go out in LS Express end of May
- Making reading garlands, packet of ten strips of paper; students will bring them in to make community garland in the fall
- Jane offers ideas about making lists of kids' favorite books and voting with suspenseful reveals over the course of an all-school reading month

## *GOBS updates:*

- GOBS is scheduled to be held during the week of April 8th, 2019, in Fariss Hall
- April will be framed more as a library month and have various events in addition to GOBS
- Reviewed feedback and ideas from Julie's and Carol's emails about flow of GOBS event

## *Lou Fernandez Literary Festival updates:*

- No updates today

*Upcoming Meeting Dates for next academic year (all planned for Tuesdays @ 8:10 am, location TBA):*  
Sept 18, Oct 23, Dec 4, Jan 15, Feb 19, March 19, Apr 2, May 14