

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!



Friends Of Amigos (FOA)

Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2014

6:30 – 8pm

Amigos School Library

Present: Daniel Montgomery, Maija Pratt-Rojas, Lyn Kardatzke, Meg Ramsdell, Angelita Mireles, Megan Andres, Rich Younger, Sue Swalley, Steve Zoepf, Magali Ramberg, Jennifer Lu

1. FOA Review

The group discussed the mission and objectives of the organization. The primary purpose of FOA is to support and enrich the educational experience for the students at Amigos. This happens in various ways but primarily through supporting the teachers with funds that they can use for their classrooms or activities. FOA also fosters a social component for the entire school community by providing money and organization for several school functions, including the Hispanic Heritage Month potluck (in October) and the Fiesta de Amistad celebration (in February). Other initiatives the organization has been involved in are the book sale/swap in the spring and facilitating the purchase of T-shirts for all students and staff in the Amigos community. Daniel will follow-up with the front office to make sure that all new kindergarteners received a T-shirt.

FOA's funding last year came from two main sources: the annual appeal letter and the parents who raised money by competing in the Ragnar Relay on Cape Cod.

2. Budget Review

Daniel, Lyn, and Maija have been working with Debbie to establish budgetary priorities for the 2014-2015 school year, keeping in mind our mission of enrichment. FOA really evolved because the community wanted to support the teachers' needs that went outside the budget but at the same time, keep fundraising, such as wrapping paper sales, outside the classroom.

FOA has agreed to give \$3,000 for the recess supervisor position. Maija and Daniel will continue to discuss the position with Debbie.

3. Amigos Open House

The annual Open House for Amigos families will be September 18, 2014, at 6pm. During that time, FOA will staff a table to talk about our efforts and will also collect emails for the list serv.

4. Other FOA activities and initiatives

The next major event that FOA will focus on is the Hispanic Heritage potluck. We are still looking for a parent to act as the lead on this event. As always, we will extensively clarify that parents are responsible for their own children at these events!

Ms. Hamel would like to have a parent or group of parents who would be willing to help her with projects and activities throughout the year. If organized as a committee, it might be able to support the efforts of Lydia Garcia, the art teacher, and Melisa Paulino. We will seek volunteers at the open house and then follow-up with a request on the list serv. Julie Palmer, second grade parent, has offered to coordinate the kindergarten room parents.

Other possibilities that FOA will pursue throughout the school year include parent mixers and a younger grade dance party.

6. Annual Appeal

As some of the group have already been solicited for end of the year donations, we briefly discussed the annual appeal letter. The goal is to have it out by mid-November. Meg will forward the information from last year's graduating class to Angelita so she can update our records. Daniel will look into soliciting free printing from a local printing shop.