

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!



Friends of Amigos (FOA)

Meeting Notes

May 3, 2016

6:30 – 8pm

Amigos School Library

Present: Maija Pratt Rojas, Lyn Kardatzke, Megan Andres, Angelita Mireles, Kathryn Hollar, Lauryn Zipse

1. Events Update

The Spanish-language book fair is scheduled to take place May 23-25, 2016. Planning and ordering are progressing nicely. Flyers will be going home with details shortly; the Sign Up Genius for volunteers will also go out soon. Volunteers will be accepting donations at the register for teachers, and they will also have a list of the teachers and keep track of their allocation. There will be a mention of the donation process in the book fair communications.

The restaurant event has been moved to the Bertucci's in Central Square on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. The restaurant will provide a table for us to set up with information about the school (and hopefully with the coupons). We will attempt to move the permit for the raffle to that date and consider a 50-50 raffle, where the winner goes home with half the money collected. The restaurant will donate 15% of the collection from people who have coupons; we need to distribute the coupons widely! It seems like a good idea to request a time at Flatbread's for the fall (trying for November 15, 2016).

The Healthworks fundraiser is in process. We are still waiting to hear about availability and planning logistics.

FOA will host an End-of-the-Year party June 17, 2016, at 5:30pm. The plan is for something informal: a potluck and musicians bringing instruments. We will try to notify the Upton Street neighbors so that they are prepared for the festivities. Ellen Davis and Gloria Hoskins will be leaving; we will send out an invitation on the listserv and encourage alumni to attend. It may be possible to have the kids sing; we will check with Ms. Hamel.

2. Budget update

The school is in need of funds to support field trips and buses. There are unused funds in the Recess Coach line item that can be transferred to the field trip fund. Next year the Recess Coach line item will be reduced to \$1500. Other requests from the principal for next year were \$1000 for author visits, maintaining the translation budget, funds for teacher appreciation events/supplies, and some customizable rugs.

Money came in as the Flash ran their race in April. We are still waiting on some corporate matches. The 8th grade has raised all the money for their trip!

3. Miscellaneous

The principal would like to have T-shirts for the incoming kindergarten students as well as T-shirts to purchase available for those students who may have outgrown the ones they have. FOA will order the 50 shirts for the Kindergarten Open House and continue to explore the options for the larger order of shirts. Is Café Press an option?

It would be good to clean the school carpets before the building closes for the summer. From June 23-30, 2016, the teachers have access to their classrooms still so the building will be open. We could clean the carpets then, let them dry and then roll them up for the summer. Teachers would need to move items off the rugs before leaving. FOA has also been asked to organize a set-up day for parents to help teachers at the beginning of the new school year.

Due to the new events and for planning purposes, it seems wise to move the Multicultural Night to March.

4. Planning for 2016-2017

FOA is always in search of great parents to support our efforts! Come help out in 2016-2017!