

## Foothill PTO Meeting Notes—August 25, 2009

### 1. Officer's Reports

#### a. Co-President of Fundraising Report – Susie Wyman

Our “Feed the Fox” goal this year is 46K; the fundraiser has begun and we hope for 100% participation from every foothill family. Look for updates on other PTO fundraisers (Bingo and grade level “Meet and Greet” functions) soon.

#### b. Co-President of Special Events - Sue Fagan

Sue Fagan is new to the PTO board. Thanks, in advance, Sue for your work this year for the Foothill community. Look for more from Sue next month...

#### c. Vice President/Volunteer Coordinator Report – Heather Bush

Thanks to Stacy Bush for organizing the fair, and to the members of the Safety Committee for work on the new HugnGo and Crossing Guards.

##### i. Volunteers still needed: committee chairs for (a) Foothill book publication and (b) Grandparents Tea co-chair.

##### ii. Note to committee chair persons:

1. A new “Tips for Success” packet has been created. Take the time to review it; many questions have been anticipated and answered in advance. To obtain a copy, contact Heather Bush, [heather.bush@comcast.net](mailto:heather.bush@comcast.net).

2. Lists of parents who have volunteered for your committees will be distributed soon.

##### iii. Foothill's stalwart secretary, Kathryn Martinez, will be gone for a week this September (from the 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>). Parents who would like volunteer to take over her position while she is gone should contact the office. Duties would include answering the phones, directing students and parents to classrooms and helping on other office projects. Any time anyone can volunteer would be appreciated.

#### iv. Treasurer Report – Laura Rogers

So far, \$4822 has been raised for “Feed the Fox”. Gross funds for Parent Information fair total \$8875. T-shirt/sweatshirt and coupon books purchase orders have not been paid.

### 2. Committee Reports –

#### a. Feed the Fox – Paul Bailey and Kris Pederson

i. “Feed the Fox” is the PTO's number one fundraiser. It raises approximately half of the school's operating budget, paying for updates for the new art room, para-professional support, a literacy tutor, assemblies, scholarships, staff development and conference fees, funds for special programs (art, music, literacy, PE, TAG, and ESL) and \$200 for each teacher to supplement classroom costs, . This year's goal is to raise \$1 per student per school day. However, the ultimate goal is get 100% of Foothill families to participate in the fund drive.

- ii. Grade Level volunteers are still needed to help with facilitating the details of the fundraising campaign. Grade level volunteers distribute information about Feed the Fox to other parents and aid teachers in the logistics of managing the details of this massive fundraising campaign.

**We are especially in need of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteer.** To volunteer, contact Paul Bailey, [pbailey@esri.com](mailto:pbailey@esri.com), or Kris Pederson, [kristen.pederson@us.ibm.com](mailto:kristen.pederson@us.ibm.com). Look for the Feed the Fox table at Back to School Night.

b. Meet & Greets – Leah Csapo

“Meet and Greet” nights are fast approaching. Meet & Greet grade-level fundraisers and social events have dates and hosts in place. Parents will be invited to join other grade-level parents at the hosts' homes, and will be asked to donate \$20 for teacher-designated classroom needs. E-mailed invitations will be sent out by the Foothill office as the dates approach. The dates are as follows:

K: 9/10; 1st: 9/9; 2nd 9/14; 3rd 9/23; 4th: 9/22; 5th: 9/24.

A few additional volunteers are needed for each class level to help with recruiting parents to the event and event details. Please contact Leah Csapo, [lmb365@yahoo.com](mailto:lmb365@yahoo.com), if interested.

c. Fox Tracks – Blair Norman

Fox Tracks officially kicks off on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. More info is coming at Back to School Night and in the PTO Newsletter.

d. Directory – Jill Bagley

Sponsorships are still available to businesses that would like to defray the costs of distributing one school directory to every Foothill household. Contact Jill Bagley, [bagleyjl@comcast.net](mailto:bagleyjl@comcast.net), if interested.

3. Old Business

a. Review Parent Information Fair

- i. Many thanks to the Safety Committee who, due to their location, ended up answering a large number of general questions.
- ii. There were many suggestions on how to improve the Parent Information Fair and how assessments are run
  1. Suggestions that the opportunity to communicate with and welcome new families could have been used more fruitfully. Perhaps a separate table for kindergarteners and new families.
  2. Clarify that adults are allowed (and welcome) to walk kindergarten students to their teachers.
  3. Student ambassadors could be reminded of their welcoming role.
  4. Assessment days could focus on shifting their goal from one of administering assessment to one of welcoming new families.

