

Forest View Elementary
[Virtual via Zoom](#)
PTA & Steering Team
February 16th, 2022, 6:30pm
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 P.M.

WELCOME - Liz

Liz thanked everyone in attendance, shared our meeting agenda, and reviewed the January minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Liz

Minutes reviewed on screen and they were also posted to the membership via MemberHub and announced in weekly newsletter.

Motion to approve minutes was made and properly seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously via voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barbara

Reviewed checking, money market, and current account balances. There was not much change from our January meeting.

We made a large technology purchase and paid out some staff grants.

We will contact the art teacher about the budget line the PTA has for that class as well as contact Ms. Davis about CAPS budget.

June 6, 2022 is the last day to submit for reimbursement.

RE-BUDGET PLAN - Liz

We had a very successful fundraiser and would like to update our budget and allocate some funds to a new project.

The PTA is proposing that we look at allocating \$4,000-5000 to playground upgrades. Ms Sledge recently had a group called Play Works come out to look at the playspace so we will take those into account when those suggestions come in. Currently we are thinking of smaller soccer goals so we could have half the field used for soccer and the other half for another game, getting a second basketball goal, getting general use balls to keep in the playpod for all teachers to access.

We are also considering adding about \$500 more to our teacher appreciation budget.

Our plan is to flesh out the details of this over the next month and present an updated budget to vote on in March. If you have any thoughts about this feel free to contact us at ptaforestviewelementary@gmail.com

SPRING COMMUNITY GATHERING - Liz

We are looking into hosting an outdoor community picnic at the school late April early May. We would love to help rebuild our community and create new connections after all this time apart.

The school has some funding available for food. We could have the school provide pizza or ice cream. Or we could have food trucks/bring your own.

We would like to have some small activities- forest view flusher, bubbles, maybe something the kids can build.

Right now we are looking for volunteers to help a successful event come together. Please let us know if you are interested.

YEARBOOKS - Liz

Orders are being taken. The last day to order is Feb 28th. Order link was place in Zoom Chat.

If you order before the 18th they are \$16, after that they will be \$18.

Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB101379>

In normal pre-COVID years the PTA would purchase some books to sell at school. We are looking into the ability/desire to do that?

ELMO'S SPIRIT WEEK - Liz

Please Join Us at Elmo's Diner on (March 14-17th).

During our Spirit "Mursday" (Mon-Thursday week) Elmo's will donate 4% of their IN HOUSE Sales to our PTA. To-go sales not included. Currently Elmo's is open 7am-3pm

The Money raised will be used by our Media center to expand our multi-lingual and cultural awareness materials and outreach services.

SOAR COMMITTEE - Eliza

Currently planning and looking for a week in early April.

Planning to meet February 17, 2022 to discuss ideas and ways to leverage information from previous years.

PRINCIPAL UPDATES - Principal Sledge

Announced Instructional Assistant of the year (Summer Medlin), Beginning Teacher of the year (Sarah Grace Patton), and Teacher of the Year (Mary Alice Sprinkle).

The District has included our Forest View playground proposal for future consideration.

Playworks, national nonprofit that helps schools rethink recess, did observations and will share suggestions about way to included more directed play and to reduce unstructured play.

Boy Scout Troop has contacted Forest View about doing a project for the school.

Ms. Davis is looking for help with Earth Day events but there are no details yet. Please contact her if you have ideas or can assist.

Car line update - Most parents follow the guidelines and expectations. The District transportation staff did observations and they are developing a plan that they will share with us.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Will the playground updates include more inclusive and accessible activity equipment?

A: We have not discussed specifics yet but accessibility and inclusivity will guide the overall vision.

Q: Sarah O'Brien heard there was a bike safety and safe routes to school presentation to the School Board and wondered if Forest View was considering these programs?

A: Principal Sledge was not familiar with the presentation. Tony Patterson volunteered to share information with her about the program. Also stated that the program is a little short staffed at the moment and is looking for paid and volunteer positions to increase offerings.

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, February 25th - School Spirit Day -Fairness. "Play fair" (dress in your favorite team's colors)

Monday ,February 28th- No school

Wednesday, March 9th early release

March 14-17 Elmo's Diner Spirit Mursday

Future PTA meetings

March 16th 2022

April 20th 2022

May 18th 2022 (if needed)

June 8th 2022 (last meeting elections for next board)

MEETING ADJORNED: 7:15 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Tony Patterson

Jill Stuart

Felicia Sledge

Amy Dillon

Jennifer Bedoya

Kathleen Hill Graves

Elianne Obregon

Eliza Strickland

Katie Millet (Ms. Millet)

Barbara Goettsch

Liz Snyder

Elizabeth Solorzano

Greg Whitaker

Eliza Strickland

Barbara Goettsch

Elianne Obregon

Ms. Fallahee

Kathleen Simpson

Sarah O'Brien

Emily Thrasher

Suerissa Blecher

Laura Milko

Jenni Rosen