

Forestville Education Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
March 26th, 2024

The mission of the Forestville Education Foundation is to support and enhance the educational experiences of students attending school in the Forestville Union School District.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Officers and Directors in attendance: Terra Del Drago, Linda Strauss, Tiffany Wood, Mariana Krambs, Jessalee Mills, Catherine Canelis, Gwen Taylor, Joanie Blechel

Officers and Directors absent: Noelle Huberty, Alana Thistle, Amy Dewitt, Mandy Danzart

Guests in attendance: Merrie Rivera, Ryan Stapleton, Ashley Symmonds

Ashley Symmonds presented information about getting a service dog for our school. Permission from school administration has been received. The school would be the dog "owner" through Pals, Ashley Symmonds would care for it. The dog has been trained and would be about 1 1/2 years old. The dog will be able to spend time in all classrooms that would want a visit. Ashley Symmonds is looking into other funds to cover on going costs. Ashley Symmonds and Jessalee Mills are working on this project.

Administration Report: Principal Merrie Rivera reported that they have had a very intense and busy few months. The Safe School Ambassadors training went well and will be ongoing.

Teacher Report: None

Approval of Minutes: The March (February meeting held in March) minutes were presented. With a motion made by Jessalee Mills, a second by Joanie Blechel, all in favor, approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was presented. With a motion made by Joanie Blechel, a second by Linda Strauss, all in favor, approved.

Event Review and Discussion:

Ryan Stapleton shared information he received from BMO about savings/money market accounts.

A motion was made to keep \$30,000.00 in our checking and move the remaining balance into a savings/money market account. With a first by Terra Del Drago, a second by Mariana Krambs, all in favor, approved.

Terra Del Drago reported that Gala preparation meetings will be held at Mandy Danzart's home, at 3pm on April 9th and 16th, May 7th and 14th. A set up meeting at the Youth Park will be held May 17th (the evening before the Gala).

The next Foundation meetings will be April 23rd, May 28th, and June 4th.

More information about the cozy corner grant is requested.

Merrie Rivera reported that a Waking Up Courage grant for \$18,500 was received. She will request a \$500.00 grant from the Foundation.

Linda Strauss mailed thank you cards to our window painting donors and the tamale makers.

Mandy Danzart has a flyer going out to the school community about the Gala. Terra Del Drago will send a copy out to everyone.

Kara Mendez suggested we make sure to reach out to individuals and families in our school community in case they may have donation items for the auction. Online auction possibilities were discussed.

"Fund a project" ideas were discussed. Benches and new hoops for the middle school basket ball court was one idea. Catherine Canelis, Kara Mendez and Ryan Stapleton will research possibilities for an online project to fund redwood benches and tables.

Mandy Danzart will work on the May 1st kinder screening.

We need a new poster for the lobby if anyone would like to take on that project.

The staff appreciation luncheon will be May 8th. Mandy Danzart will have more information about it soon.

Adjourn to closed session at 7:26pm

A motion for the ASAP grant from Melissa Neigum, for magnetiles, activity table and game table in the amount of \$424.01 plus tax, was made, with a first by Kara Mendez, a second by Gwen Taylor, all in favor, approved.

A motion was made for an assemble grant from Merrie Rivera in the amount of \$500.00. With a first by Mariana Krambs, a second by Catherine Canelis, all in favor, approved.

A motion was made for a Pals school dog grant in the amount of \$3000.00. With a first by Tiffany Wood, a second by Mariana Krambs, the ayes were 6, nays 2, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Linda Strauss/Secretary