

Forestville Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

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.

Meeting called to order at 5:50pm

Officers and Directors in attendance: Terra Del Drago, Noelle Huberty, Linda Strauss, Alana Thistle, Gwen Taylor, Jessalee Mills, Amy Dewitt

Officers and Directors absent: Tiffany Wood, Mandy Danzart

Guests: Matt Dunkle, Merrie Rivera, Mariana Krambs, Kara Mendez, Kathryn Romeo

Administration Report: Principal Merrie Rivera reported that the annual Jumpathon was held. Kids are learning back to school routines well. Rock and roll to school will be held on October 4th, beginning at the Youth Park about 7:30-7:45am. Parent conferences will be held that week too. We have 219 students enrolled.

Teacher Liaison Report: Noelle Huberty reported that the FEF donation for the Dome experience for K-8 is appreciated. TK-3rd field trips have been booked. The Bat Lady is coming for TK-5th. An author visit for TK-1 is booked. The Jumpathon was a positive experience. The TK-K held their ABC fashion show. 5th grade had a poet visit class. Play auditions were held. Alana Thistle reported that collaboration meetings were held. There is a Halloween door decoration competition being held in middle school. Leadership Class is helping in the library. They are working on promoting an inclusive and positive climate. Fall sports and green team have started. Could FEF support a Halloween event for middle school? Last year parents put together a taco bar.

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were presented. With a motion made by Gwen Taylor, a second by Alana Thistle, all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurers report was presented. With a motion made by Amy Dewitt, a second by Alana Thistle, all in favor, the report was approved.

Event Review and Discussion:

How can we reach out more to solicit donations?

Harvest Fair: Tiffany Wood sent out an update. Discussion about how to include 4-5 grades and what space to use took place. We need a committee to help. Kara Mendez and Kathryn Romeo offered to help.

Alana Thistle asked that look again at getting a sand table for primary and get the ball tree equipment set up.

We will add "work needed to the 6-8 basketball playground" to our next agenda.

Window painting is 11/18 and 19. Tree lighting will be 11/26.

We need to do the membership drive again, and often.

Alana Thistle will look into Kozlowski's pie sale fundraiser. We could also look into dine and donates or paint nights.

Noelle Huberty created a newsletter template. She will share with Linda Strauss and Kara Mendez.

Add Zoom meeting feasibility to next month's agenda.

Election of officers to fill open positions will be held next meeting.

Adjourn to closed session at 7:22pm.

Nominations of new board members:

Jessalee Mills nominated Kara Mendez to a seat on the board, a second by Alana Thistle, all in favor, approved. Jessalee Mills nominated Kathryn Romeo to a seat on the board, a second by Amy Dewitt, all in favor, approved. Noelle Huberty nominated Mariana Krambs to a seat on the board, a second by Jessalee Mills, all in favor, approved.

Close session ended. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.. Linda Strauss/Secretary