

Forestville Education Foundation  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 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 5:30pm

Officers and Directors in attendance: Terra Del Drago, Noelle Huberty, Linda Strauss, Alana Thistle, Gwen Taylor, Jessalee Mills, Amy Dewitt, Tiffany Wood, Mandy Danzart, Mariana Krambs, Kara Mendez, Cathryn Canelis

Officers and Directors absent: Joanie Blechel

Guests: Matt Dunkle, Merrie Rivera, Ryan Stapleton, (Tim\*Oscar's dad\*)

Administration Report: Superintendent Matt Dunkle reported that the ball tree was installed. Principal Merrie Rivera reported that a Dia De Los Muertos alter was created in the library, tutor training was held, 7 students graduated from the ESL program. There was a costume parade for elementary students and a Halloween celebration in middle school. November 3rd is the next parent morning meeting. Middle School will be participating in Safe School Ambassador training. Information will be going out about Parent Square, a communication program for school and families. ASAP before school care is now being provided. Canine Companions visited our campus.

Teacher Liaison Report: Noelle Huberty reported that TK-1st classes visited the pumpkin patch. TK-3rd went to the Luther Burbank Center. The Bat Lady will be visiting TK-5th grades soon. There is a 1st grade display in the library. Fifth grade had a poet visit. The Fall play has begun practice. Alana Thistle reported that middle school classes are having a door decorating contest and parents are proving a lunch for Halloween. The band will play and there will be a costume contest. There will be a dance on Nov. 3rd.

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were presented. With a motion made by Noelle Huberty, a second by Gwen Taylor, all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer report was presented. With a motion made by Tiffany Wood, a second by Amy Dewitt, all in favor, the report was approved.

Event Review and Discussion:

Harvest Fair Update: Tiffany Wood reported that hay and pumpkins have been obtained. Volunteers and Ashley Symmonds students will help. Leadership class will do two games. There will be a "pie eating" contest and games. A FMX order will need to go in for custodial help. Easy ups will be needed. Terra Del Drago will ask about the field marker and Mandy Danzart will show Kara Mendez how to use the popcorn machine.

Terra Del Drago reported that window painting is being organized. Window painting is 11/18 and 19th. Tree lighting will be 11/26.

Protocol for online posting was discussed. A motion was made by Alana Thistle, stating that online marketing/website posts must be approved by an email vote of the board, 12 hours before posting, a second by Jessalee Mills, all in favor, approved.

Rio Nido Roadhouse is hosting a Chili Cook-off, on November 11th, as a fundraiser for Forestville School.

Holding hybrid meetings was discussed. A motion was made by Jessalee Mills to have Jessalee Mills and Kara Mendez will look into this and present next month, a second by Terra Del Drago, all in favor, approved.

Election of officers procedure was discussed. Foundation members pay a membership to join. Members vote for directors. Directors then vote for officers.

New officers for the coming year are:

Terra Del Drago - President, Amy Dewitt and Jessalee Mills - Co-Vice President, Linda Strauss - Secretary, Gwen Taylor - Treasurer, Noelle Huberty - Elementary Teacher Liaison, Alana Thistle - Middle School Teacher Liaison, Mandy Danzart - Event Coordinator, Tiffany Wood and Kara Mendez - Co-Marketing Coordinator, Mariana Krambs - Membership Coordinator

Adjourn to closed session at 7:20pm.

Kimberly Jatton is requesting an open grant for 3rd grade. Code Monkey, a program license for 35 students for one year. With a motion made by Jessalee Mills to approve the open grant request, a second by Gwen Taylor, all in favor approved.

Hailey LaFazio is requesting a carpet for TK. A motion was made by Gwen Taylor to approve the open grant request, a second by Amy Dewitt, all in favor, approved.

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