

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 • 6 - 7pm • Auditorium

1. Treasurer's Report : We have put aside \$12,500 for librarian aide for 2014-15. Winterfest = \$453 net, Holiday boutique = \$511, See's Candy = \$1,464, Food Truck Night = \$310. Mr Schieneman mentioned that Great American Spellcheck raised - \$2400 for student body. It was a very effortless fundraiser. However, like Jog-a-Thon, it can only be done by student body and not FoSA.

2. See's Candy: Orders due Thursday, Feb. 6. We did well on See's fundraiser this time last year and hopefully will again. Delivery is on Wed., Feb 12.

3. Food Truck Fiesta: First event was a huge success. It will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month. In order to keep momentum, it will take place even in spring break and during summer months, when school is closed. February trucks will be: 'Greasy Wiener', 'Grilled Cheese', 'Canvas' & also a cookie truck. The trucks will change every month, depending on availability & our wishes. There will be leaflets and banners to advertise Food Truck Night to the school and local community.

Talking of banners...we need some more API banners at back of school. Can we get some more from LAUSD?

4. Walk & Talk: We need baked goods, coffee and parents to be there on the day to answer questions and show prospective parents what a great school we have. Dates are: Tuesday, March 11th & Wednesday, April 9th Important - we also need a teacher to give an inspiring presentation, instead of Mrs.Granados, who is sadly leaving this month - Ms. Dedeaux? We will ask her. We need help distributing flyers to preschools in the area. We will repeat our request for parents to attend the Walk & Talk and also to provide baked goods at the next parent meeting in March.

5. Barnes & Noble Night: Friday, Feb 21, 5-8pm. Yoghurtland & Fatburger didn't work out for restaurant fundraising linked to this event. Mara has now secured Panda Express & the new snowcone establishment next to Starbucks. Like last year, everyone will be allowed to wear pajamas & teachers are being invited to read stories. There will also be an author at the event. Short Ave. kids' artwork is up already and looks great. On the night, we can distribute leaflets, so we will advertise Art Walk. We need clearer labels on the art, to identify our school and also the grade of the kids who made it (Sandrine agreed to do this).

6. International Day: Annouchka was previously in charge of this project and is now overseas. Her return date is unreliable and we must decide how to continue this event. Date set for March 21st. Teachers feel concern that it might affect instructional time. They have narrowed it down to 3 manageable ideas: 1- Morning Assembly - costumes & flags, 2 - get together by grade level for 'show & tell'. Children will bring in cultural object from their heritage, 3 - These objects will come together to form an exhibition that would last for 1 week.

Outside groups could come in and give dance/music performances. Jamie Hazlitt knows one student group who could definitely do a dance performance & there are many others to ask.

What do teachers need FoSA to do in order to make this happen? Can FoSA provide flags? Sandrine says that the kids can make flags in art classes. Who will run this? Who will contacts parents? Mr. S will draft a letter and FoSA will send it out. This will look good for Walk & Talk...

7. Art Walk Banners: There was a bad storm & lots of banners have been damaged. We need to sell more & get them up on the fence.

8. In N Out & Silent Auction: Tuesday, April 22. It is time to start soliciting for donations. Email Suzanne at FOOSA@ca.rr.com for donation request letter. Do we need an inventory of what we still have from last year? There were too many items in the auction last year & layout was unclear. We need to improve the display this year and not mix up large and small items.

9. Goodwill Donation Drive: Todd L is trying to find out when Kenyon Street block sale is taking place, so that we can plan it for the same day.

10. Box Tops : Distribution of proceeds are as follows: 10% cost and party, 40% winner, 30% second place, 20% third place winner. Teachers need more information about this and how it will be run.

11. Breakfast in the classroom: Starts Feb 19th. This provoked a very negative reaction. There was particular disapproval at the lack of control over what our kids are being offered to eat, the terrible waste of unwanted food, the water waste (as taps have to run for 5 minutes after pouring out milk), unsanitary conditions in the classroom (spills & crumbs on desks) and loss of precious teaching time in the morning.

If you do not want your child to eat the food, then tell your teacher. We will lodge complaints about water usage & waste (California is experiencing a drought!). We need to document water wastage – run a tap for 5 minutes into a bucket and get a precise measure of wastage. We will do our best to get an organization to pick up leftovers so that we can minimize waste. Sandrine has a contact who works with homeless kids - they might be able to pick up and distribute unused leftovers. Find out what currently happens to milk after lunch – where is it disposed of?

12. Jog-a-thon: Friday, May 23. Same committee as last year – thanks!

13. Open Forum

Field trips: SSC allocated funding for more in-depth field trips - \$3000.

How can parents help their teachers organize a field trip? You can always ask them and get involved.

FoSA has earmarked \$5600 for field trips, but some grades have more than the normal allotment due to individual fundraising.

Latin: Can we have a report on how Latin is going? It is very successful & kids are learning & enjoy it. However, we need to deepen it and build on it. Homework? Project? Is this something that student body can support? Mr Schieneman will look for grants to add more \$. Latin might help us convince parents to come here – Could we have some kind of representation at Walk & Talk? It is a unique selling point & will allow parents from out of district to get a release & come to our school. Mr. S will speak with the teacher about having his classroom visited during our Wednesday, April 9th Walk & Talk. We want to extend the program to 35 weeks for 2014-15. Vote - All agreed

Art: Extended pre-K for an additional 4 weeks for this year.

We want to extend art program to 18 weeks & pre k art to 9 weeks and Latin to 35 weeks 2014-15. Vote - All agreed.

Spelling Bee : 5th grader Jose Corona is representing us in the next state round spelling bee this weekend.

Amazon and eScrips: Doing well.

Angels fundraiser: Currently at \$6600.

Art on the Lawn: Wednesday, May 14

How can we get more attendees at FoSA meetings?

How about holding FoSA meeting after the monthly assembly? Or on Food Truck Night – this is unpopular with some board members who would like to enjoy themselves and not work on those evenings.

Great idea to follow up: always do a connected announcement for FoSA meetings.