

Wednesday, May 7 • 6 - 7pm • Auditorium**1. Board of Directors Nominations & Elections for next school year (AC)**

Nominations were invited for all board positions: Secretary Director, Room Parent Director, Finance Director, Beautification Director & PR/ Web Director. No new names were offered and in each case the existing person was reelected. The position of International Outreach Director had previously been held by Annouchka. It could be an important role that would benefit the school. Annouchka wants the job and is reelected. It is suggested that she form a committee and report to the board. Are there any other suggestions for positions that could be on the board? Question: Is there a new or existing board position that can fix the problem of getting information to parents and getting them more involved? Is it a Room Parent issue? No, it is just the way it is – the majority of parents don't want to be involved. We need the kids to get excited about fundraisers and events so that they can encourage the parents to participate. International Day taught us that if we organize events that parents are excited about, then they will get involved. Observation: Some parents want to do parties and events that are different than our traditional FOSA events and they feel marginalized. However, we encourage them to do these things, but we can't do it for them. Sometimes people come to us with ideas, but they expect us to carry them out. We are there to support them, but they need to take the lead. We would probably be helped if we had a functioning Parent Center. It would bring in a different cross-section of parents. But who will maintain & look after the room? In other schools this is a paid position.

2. Treasurer's Report (SD)

Report shows difference between this year and last year. When we take out the \$20,000 Fox grant, we are \$5,571 short of last year. However, we've already hit \$31,000! In n Out fundraiser was affected by its date, coming just after Spring Break – not ideal. Also, 35% of kindergartners are 2nd kids with parents already involved in the school (just because you have 2 kids in the school does not mean you contribute twice as much). The librarian quit and the salary \$ left for the year will be put towards the year after next.

3. In N Out & Silent Auction (SD/AC)– Major Success!!! Many, many thanks to all who helped out, from soliciting items for the auction to set-up & clean-up. We sold almost everything that we put up for auction – much better than last year when so much remained unsold. The donations centered more on restaurants. Last Chance Silent Auction will be held at Art on the Lawn**4. Art on the Lawn (SD) – Wednesday, May 14** – need help setting up. Cici, Tasha, Annouchka, Nathalie (new parent) will help. Steel drums music booked. Food? Email Todd & ask to organize a bake sale. If we are doing a bake sale, maybe have it the day of the Spring program.**5. Book Fair (AC) – Monday, May 12 – Friday, May 16** – need volunteers, especially since the Library Aide has quit. Open after school and at lunch time and during Art on the Lawn. Student council offering to help. Ideally, the fair should be open 10-1, during recess and lunch. Last year, teachers booked 20 minute slots and brought in their classes and then teachers could manage the kids. This year, try to bring the classes in early so that they've got a chance to find things they want and come back again.**6. Food Truck Fiesta (SD) – Wednesday, May 21**

Jamie Hazlitt with co-ordinate with Eric and run this event. The auditorium must be open.

7. **Jog-a-thon (SD) – Friday, May 23** contact Christina Ramstein at ceramstein@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer for this event. Forms have gone home today.
8. **Box Tops (SD)** - need new chair for next year. Jamie Hazlitt will cover & then we can try to recruit from new kinder parents after summer break.
9. **Last Meeting of 2013-14 (SD) – Wednesday, June 4**
We will hold a pot luck. The meeting last year was very productive and brought in many positive new ideas.
10. **Kindergarten Meet & Greet** – need chair, committee & date. Alicia/Jamie chair, Tasha, Cici and (Suzanne - only for end of yr event). How about a Food Truck Night kindergarten introductory night? Or a Dolphin Café on the first day of school? Ideally, it should be before the first day of school. How about a kindergarten round up in June? June 8th? Get kindergarten teachers involved – Ms Dedeaux.

11. Open Forum

We need more playground & sports equipment. Can the balls be assigned to classrooms? This was done in the past and kids had greater incentive to make sure equipment didn't get lost.

Kids do psychomotor on the yard and they get filthy. Can they work out on yoga mats? Cleanliness issue – the mats would have to be cleaned every day. Perhaps parents can be encouraged to buy yoga mats for their kids or to bring towels?

It would be great to support our new families in kindergarten by encouraging a social gathering after school finishes in the afternoon. Perhaps first graders can be let out at the front of the school with the kindergartners? Then the 'experienced' first grade parents (who are last year's kindergarten parents) can support the new kindergarten families.