



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4 • 6pm - 7pm • Auditorium

Special Elections

Alicia opened the meeting and called for nominations for FoSA's Multicultural Outreach Director. Suzanne nominated Olma Leon, Alicia seconded. Olma was unanimously elected as FoSA's Multicultural Outreach Director. Congratulations Olma. Olma will be aided by her trusty daughter, Felicia.

October's Accomplishments

- Movie Night had one of our best turnouts and we made money. International Day was a phenomenal success. Kudos to our many families for sharing their cultural foods and dress.
- Del Rey Day was better than last year. The kids who performed, danced and sang patriotic songs. It was a good show for us. People came to our booth to ask questions.
- Food Truck Night / STEAM Exhibition was outstanding. Students and teachers should be proud of the work they accomplished. It was great to see the teachers at FTF.
- Penny Wars made more than last year, even though it wasn't held during the book fair--over \$1,600. Ms. Hohman's class won with the most points. Mr. Fast's class won with the most money. Both classes will get a 20 minute recess. It was suggested to hold Penny Wars in the beginning of the school year (Sept.), when there is less activity going on and there is more space between the book fair.
- The costume Parade and Dia de los Muertos was a success. The tamales sold out in 15 minutes.
- The LA App Challenge and Bookmark contest got over 50 entries. Good luck to our students.

Scholastic Book Fair

The pre-holiday [book fair](#) opens after the assembly on Friday November 6 through November 13. There is no school on Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day. The book fair opens in the morning on Friday (kick-off) and Tuesday (Coffee with the Principal) from 8:30 - 9:30, and it is open daily during recess and after school from 2:30 - 3:30. Volunteers are still needed to work. The money made through the book fair goes directly to the student body. It is not FoSA-related.

See's Candy

Sale will begin on Monday, November 16 and end on Wednesday, December 2. The orders will be delivered this year during the week of December 14. This year the candy will be delivered to us instead of picking it up. We will ask for help with the delivery at the December morning FoSA meeting.

Food Truck Fest and Jazz

The food truck vendors love the jazz band, who will be available as long as we want them. Daylight Saving Time ends, so it will be dark at the next Food Truck night. *Please bring flashlights and lanterns.* We also need bathroom monitors to prevent kids from playing in the auditorium and on the stage. and any individuals from straying through the school. The auditorium is open only because restrooms are needed for health department reasons. Suggestion for monitor shifts.

[Pledge Drive](#)

The classroom competition ends November 20. So far, it's made about \$7,600. That's more than \$2,000 over last year.

Treasurer's Report



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A question arose regarding FoSA tax preparation costs (\$475) and whether there are more cost effective alternatives in preparing the 990 form. Alicia will look into the matter and welcomes any feedback from tax professionals.

Holiday Celebration / Winter Fest

We are trying to find a Santa. Lorena R mentioned her husband might be able to fill in. Suzanne knows someone who may have a Santa suit. LAPD may come again.. It depends on their availability. The date is still TBD. Are there other cultural winter celebrations we can have (Las Posadas, Simbang Gab, Pancha Ganapti, Dongzhi)? Do we want tamales again? We can make 400 tamales this time and do a pre-sale. We need volunteers to coordinate cultural details. We need bakers for the bake sale.

Spring Carnival Update

We have the games for each class, but each class will have to decorate their own booth. We need volunteers to work each booth. There will be an International Food Court. We will tie-in a theme and have STEAM Street to exhibit projects. We want bigger corporate sponsorship through larger donation levels (i.e \$5,000 and up). Wahoo! We will look to Playa Vista tech companies for STEAM-type donations. We should present to them what will we do with the money (buy computers, computer lab, iPads, etc.). Meetings are at Alexis' house.

FoSA December Morning Meeting - Wednesday, December 2 at 8:15am in the library

Coffee with the Principal - Tuesday, November 10, 8:15am - 9:30am - an informal community gathering to meet with Ms. Paulos and chat about what is working and what we can work on. Book Fair open from 8:30 - 9:30am.

Auditorium Safety - URGENT*

The auditorium ceiling is crumbling and tiles are falling down. The building was built in the 1940s and needs re-plumbing badly. The leaks have been temporarily fixed by clamping, but it is causing water pressure build up and bursting through pipes. The ceiling tiles are falling down because of the water. We must act quickly and have the entire plumbing re-done before El Nino storms hit this winter or the entire building will be unsafe and unusable. We need to bombard complaints to Jan Davis, Administrator of Operations, 11380 W. Graham Place, Los Angeles, CA 90064, 310-914-2102 and at jdavis02@lausd.net with letters and photos. Our school is entirely outdoors which means our students depend on the auditorium as the only dry shelter during rain. Without the auditorium, we can't have events, movie nights, food trucks, etc. and we lose money. We do not want any students injured. Stop in and see the damage. Pictures are available by request.

*[**ADDENDUM:** Jan Davis has replied via email 11/6 that John Napoli, Complex Project Manager, LAUSD Facilities Division, for Short Avenue Elementary School, has informed her that the repair project is in the process of being funded and that work should begin within the next few weeks. Ms. Paulos has been in constant communication with Mr. Napoli and will inform them if she notices any delay in the project. Therefore, any parents still wishing to express their safety and replumbing concerns may do so, with the aforementioned in mind.]

Clothing Drive

We need shorts, pants, shirts in size 4-7 for kids at school for emergencies. We also need girls' pants and shorts in sizes to fit 5th and 6th graders. Please drop off items in the front office.

Volunteers

Two organized volunteers are needed for the Playground Ball Room organization, while we also need several volunteers to help with the Science Lab cleanup. Join us for the Cub Scouts First Fridays Campus Conservation to help clean up



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the grounds after school and keep our campus looking good. The Girl Scouts recently cleaned the Reading Garden and picked up trash.

[UCLA Family Day of Science](#) - Sunday, November 8, 12:00pm - 5:00pm, plus evening activities starting at 8pm

Math Matters Competition

There are 12 kids competing at the November 14 event. Go kids! Thanks to Ms. Aceret for making math practice so much fun.

Thanksgiving Recess

Suggestion made for food drive for the Thanksgiving, possibly for our own families in need. Can be through school or Boy Scouts.