

1st FoSA / Parent Meeting of the 2018/2019 School Year
September 5th, 2018 at 6pm in the auditorium of Short Avenue Elementary

6pm - Dinner / Snacks

Manya - called meeting to order at 6:17pm

Manya welcomed everyone for attending and proceeded to introduce the current Board Members.

Manya gave a brief review of prior board meeting which included the increase in cost for a Spanish teacher and the increase in cost of Ballroom Dancing classes for the 5th grade.

Manya stressed the need for room parents and encourage parents to use the sign up sheets that were posted on easels at the front of the auditorium.

Manya introduced Karen, for a Principal's Announcement. Karen reiterated that FoSA's priority is to raise money. She stated that FoSA currently funds Planet Bravo - a technology program that includes coding and projects. Planet Bravo is offered to all classes TK through 6th grade. The cost is \$28,500 and classes are 3 days a week.

Karen also introduced our new Spanish program which teaches Spanish through Music. She explained that last year's Latin teacher was only \$20/hour. This year's Spanish teacher comes highly recommended from Mrs. Chantarasompoth, one of the new Kindergarten teachers. Her name is Jacqueline Fuentes and she's from Colombia. She currently teaches at Edison and is very experienced. She even has a CD out. Therefore because of the high quality of teaching and experience, the cost has increased. This is not an immersion program, as the class is only once a week. Karen stressed that the quality of this new teacher resulted in the increased cost.

Karen discussed the ballroom dancing program that is only available for 5th grade. She stated that the increase in cost of this program was due to there being two 5th grade classes this year. She also explained that the school may be to help contribute money to help pay for this program once she is aware of how much carryover money is available. The amount may be known at the end of September.

Next, Karen discussed Coffees with Karen. She plans to discuss the Title 1 Program, IB Program, and encouraged all parent to attend. The first Coffee with the Principal is next Wednesday, September 12th, from 8:15am-9:30am in the Parent Resource Center. She is going to try and host evening ones this year too. She stressed that her door is ALWAYS open!

Karen discussed an increase in enrollment and the growth of our classes. She stated that we will get to keep our teachers this year.

Manya introduced Christina for the Treasurer's Report. Christina introduced herself and called everyone to look at the budget attached to the meeting agenda. She expressed areas of concern in which more funds are needed. These areas included the Ballroom Dancing class for 5th graders and Spanish teacher. The starting balance for the school year was about \$82,000 in the bank. So far we've spent \$3,480 for teachers and supplies, \$28,500 for Planet Bravo, MISC expenses \$10,900, bringing our current balance to about \$69,000. The money from the first Food Truck Fiesta was just under \$200.

The need for more fundraising gave Caitlin a great segway into the Annual Giving Program. The Annual Giving forms were sent out this week. A copy of the form was present at the front of the auditorium, and she encouraged families to please take a form. In comparison to other schools in the area, they are asking for a lot more. A parent expressed that we are a Title 1 school and that should be taken into consideration when comparing us to other schools such as Couer D'Alene, Beethoven, etc.

Manya mentioned fundraisers that do not cost any money. These include Box Tops for Education, Shop Rewards, and the Amazon Rewards link.

Manya discussed the Banner Partnership Program, which Karen clarified is not advertising. Advertising is not allowed on LAUSD campuses. This is a local sponsorship of our school.

A question was posed for an interest in volunteering. Forms were sent home to fill out if there was interest in a particular event, committee, etc.

A question was posed for LA Roadrunners and whether or not we would be offering food/snacks. LA Roadrunners runs from September into March, every weekend and at least 2 volunteers are needed for each Saturday. A suggestion for a sign up sheet was offered.

A question was posed about the schedule for Spanish class and Planet Bravo. Spanish is once a week, as well as Planet Bravo.

A suggestion was made about a potential fundraiser - Popcornopolis. The parent stated that Popcornopolis gives back 50% of sales.

Caitlin mentioned that ideas for some of our current fundraisers, such as Penny Wars was brought up in an open forum, just like this. She encouraged parents to offer other suggestions and fundraising ideas!

Suzanne mentioned having an Art Walk displaying the new set of Art banners that were sponsored (bought) by parents. Another parent expanded on that idea to make it an event and possibly offer a bake sale while "walking" to see the new art displayed on the fences.

Carrie is heading up the Silent Auction. Asking for donations now should start now. A parent mentioned she'll be attending a trade show for alcohol and would be a great opportunity to pick up some things for the Silent Auction.

The Carnival is one of our biggest fundraisers. The idea of a company/family/business to sponsor a big carnival game or slide was offered.

A parent posed a question about posting fundraising amounts up to date was going to continue. Manya stating that she would continue posting the amounts brought in by fundraisers would be posted on the website and weekly updates once the amounts have been verified by the Treasurer.

A question was posed about Dolphin Cafes. Dolphin cafes take place every 1st friday of the month. They correspond with our monthly assemblies. A calendar has been finalized but not sent out to everyone yet.

A question was posed about FreshSchools. Yes, we will continue using FreshSchools. Invites to the app will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.