



MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING NOTES
Thursday, September 1st, 2022
8:45 AM

Call to order – 8:44 AM

Approval of previous minutes from Cathy approved – Erika Second

President Report – Tara Fergusson, President

- Met with Mustang Fund for small committee
 - Would like to raise the ask to \$750 per child, if half families gave \$750 it would be \$112, 500 making a decent difference in the outcome
 - Last year about 40% families gave, all in different amounts
 - Fund would launch potentially at the end of September, Pledge Day November 4th,
 - Levels 0-\$750 hand written thank you, \$5,000 or above tickets to gala (2), \$10k (2) gala tickets & a special dinner (not per kid but total), anyone that gives gets a thank you note, if you give \$750 per child you get to come to the Nature Lab for breakfast
 - Volunteer thank you on a different day
 - Push to get the flier out earlier than September 30th, if possible, but big push will still go out November 4th
 - Payment plan will be communicated as well
 - After campaign ends, we will do the breakfast and the dinner
 - Mustang Fund all approved
- Pie Graph of Giving
 - Graph will be going on the flier
 - Use percentage of the larger numbers
 - Remove Fundraising Events on the graph as it is covered by the actual event and we don't want to make it seem as though we are spending money on the events that is not covered
- Agenda Requests
 - Anything you are working on please put yourself on the agenda
- Volunteering Needs
 - Garden Club – need a chair for Garden Club, 1-2 people need to be there every week
 - Carnival Committee – we have (3) people helping, Gina would like more help with it this year

- Survey Results
 - Around 118 responses, was low for the year, 78% of the responders gave to the annual fund
 - Asked for seminars for parents, socials for families, having a middle school, have after school activities
 - Apples to zucchini are coming to the Nature Lab
 - All school field day, working with the bucket brigade, working with other schools that need more help outside Montecito
 - Form a MUS Group to get involved in the Montecito Beautification Day, involved with the Safe Route to School with the Bucket Brigade
 - If a parent has a good idea for something to come to school, then bring it to Tara, Nick or Anthony
 - 93% people feel that they can volunteer with MUSF
- Strategic Plan Time Line
 - Mid-September Anthony and Tara will begin to look into the planning and development for the Kitchen

Grants – Carolyn Fitzgerald, VP

School Board has agreed to pay for the bathroom at Nature Lab!

As we go out into the community to ask for funds for the Nature Lab, past years we would ask for 50% of the cost of the item to get a naming right, this year naming right would be the cost of the project,

Naming Rights - Goat enclosure, extend the living fence, not that many naming rights left,

Back to School Picnic, Gina Brooke, Community Events

Carnival Update

Two new companies on hold as the other company has not been in touch,

Pancake Breakfast – Ruben Zertuche

8-10 latte bar, electric piano bar, tug of war contest, team building per grade

Date is Saturday the 10th

Children can do their own toppings

\$15 per adult, \$10 per kiddo

Superintendent Report – Anthony Ranii, Superintendent/non-voting board member

Courses at Harvard have always helped with the teachers, support and education. The Harvard work is critical to teach kids how to understand, not just memorize. Ordered teachers a new educational book, working on Harvard classes

Construction going well, on time and on budget

Almost 100% done with hazardous waste mitigation

Now into demolition, trying to do it before kids arrive at school, Edwards Construction has been very good to work with

Goal to do Building E next year, so far on track, hoping to stay on track

The office of public-school construction has told MUS they will receive 3million dollars to help with the project, in addition to the expedited funds, goal is to pay off the expediated funds loan in time

School lunch and breakfast – every day has gotten better, vegetarian option is now much better,

Next Meeting: October 6th, 2022