

Montecito Union School Foundation
Meeting May 5th, 2021
Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order
Cathy approved the meetings, Erica seconded the meeting notes

Cathy

Montecito Star May 22nd, Anthony let all the finalists know that they have been alerted! Kids who were not chosen as finalist will still be a part of the choir, how do we work with all the kids with masks, Sponsorships at about \$21k so far! Still working on sponsors, until May 17th, tickets will go on sale soon, DUO will be doing a dinner and a Movie Pack to add on as a purchase. ¼ of the school submitted was a great amount!

Tara

Calendar proposed, hopeful that most of these dates will happen! Tentative hold on the date of the board meetings that will be decided separately based on all schedules. Grandfriends day moved to the end of the year, to let more grandparents and friends come. Sings are proposed and hopefully happening! Approval of Calendar by the board

By Laws – roman numeral related changes made to the by laws, formatting changes, board seats changed to a sponsorship chair, the by laws have been approved

Budget – Erica, the first change Item 4040 we love MUS income increasing in the budget because the amounts are higher! Item 4211 increasing our revenue to \$2,000.
Expense changes 50500 – we love mus, increase from \$5 to \$8
51700 – adding two MUS Steam Nights for enrichment \$4k allocated for those two nights
60010 – two categories for nature lab and steam separately
\$150K going to nature lab
60011 will be to Steam Grant to support
60080 Bookfair / library contribution \$4k
63140 Merchant Service Fees reduced from 104 to 7K
Family Night for SOA? Additional cost but would be great to see if we could make it happen
Merchant Service Charges- 95% percent of families paid the merchant service fee's
Picnic Budget – Gina Brook looking at questions for projector etc. for back to school picnic night
Calendar look ahead – Cinco De Mayo is happening today events at school! Earthy day trash clean up has been organized too – trash bags and gloves to encourage kids to clean up the neighborhood
Jillian – stepping in as Kindergarten Assesment, and thanks to helping put together the earth day bags
Approval of the Slate next year – slate has been approved for next year!

Nature Lab – Ana and Anthony
Anthony and Ana meeting to discuss the Peaus Grove

Peter Burkey – home gardens and edible landscapes to propose grounding of the A Frame, good price and good proposal! Meeting with teachers and admin for design under the collab; Cathy mentioned for the “ Montecito Star” asking maybe \$75-\$100K range for something, images or graphics needed, May 17th of final date and will be included in the video. Ana will get started right now on some images etc for the Montecito Star! Gina Brooke – is the Nature Lab going to use Biodynamic soil? Anthony said the 6th graders are learning to layer the dirt and turning it into soil and testing etc. Bio dynamic soil provides a quality of health that is essential to optimizing health etc. better than organic soil. Maybe good for some of the raised beds etc. Healthy Soils Grant – 40 million dollars of money given away, asking if the school would be able to get some of that. SB Botanic Garden – interested in the nature lab too!

Anthony – the 2nd graders in their research work have studied butterflies, and this year were able to magnify that with nature lab. Wrote letters to all persuade them to do more work for the butterflies at Nature Lab, Anthony will tell them this afternoon that they are doing something with it now! Yay! Fifth graders presenting findings of turning the dirt into soil. Outdoor kitchen, pottery wheels for art!

Lunch being provided tomorrow for Staff Appreciation Week from MUSF. Grab and go! Still thankful for it.

Laser cutter – innovation lab, every scrap becomes a resource at the innovation lab, State Testing – is happening this year in 3rd-6th grades! Strategic Plan – tiered system of support, organized so every child can succeed, next year they will have a MTSS Teacher to build out any child that needs extra help, in addition to an aide to help support that teacher with either remediation or enrichment. Process observation – reflecting back to all from Anthony, commended for hard work, a lot done, risks taken, try new things, Tara is a great leader for us!