

FOWE Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: School Library! Childcare provided in K/1 Classroom - **Thank you to Sharon Palmer and Harper Hendy!**

Attendees: Julie Barry, Erica Castle, Erin Davis, Christina Johnston, Kirsten Leavstrom, Alison Nurok, Sam Prouty, Karrie Sinks, Mary Slosar

Principal's Message

- Capoeira update: Prof. Fua is returning for a final visit on Friday, May 20th. Families will be invited. Likely start time at 2pm.
- All school cooking days update: pasta-making was a success. Next cooking day is the Friday after vacation when students will be grilling shish kabobs. 4/5 will cut the meat; and 2/3 will cut the veggies. K/1 will be making Johnny/Journey cakes. On that Friday they will construct their kabobs cook on 2 grills. At the end of May we'll be grilling again for the traditional Memorial Day picnic at the fire station. Students will walk down to the fire station on the Thursday before Memorial Day with a Friday rain date.
- Independent Learning Project (ILP) Museum: Friday 4/15 morning. Students received feedback on their presentations from Megan, Christina, and their classmates and then revised. They will present them to students and parents.
- Student testing: SBAC tests (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) will happen in May for grades 3 – 5. They focus on language literacy and mathematics. Based on common core. Staff work hard to make it a comfortable experience. 5th grade also has the VT science assessment. K through 5 have the FAST assessment (math and literacy) in May. Starts 5/3 and goes thru 5/31. First group and then one on one with Christina.
- Bird house engineering design project starts in May.
- A list of end-of-the-year events will be provided in the newsletter. Some highlights:
 - May 6th is K registration.
 - 5th graders have move up day to MUMS June 1st.
 - Branbury picnic June 3rd, rain date June 8th. Families are welcome.
 - Dress rehearsal for 4/5 play is June 6, Performance June 7 evening
 - Graduation June 9
 - Last day of school and talent show June 10

FOWE Update

- Review of account - current balance is \$6783.50
- Recent expenditures - \$575 (March Capoeira), \$109 (airpots for hot cocoa gatherings), \$100 (staff chocolate)
- Current volunteer needs: Tag Sale!
- Staff Appreciation Week (May 2 - May 6):
 - Will possibly provide a sign up genius in combination with FOWE providing some treats
 - Last year's theme days: Salty Snacks, Spring/Gardening, Wellness, Chocolate, Energy Food / bars.

- Branbury Picnic: families can attend. Looking into bringing games.
- Weybridge t-shirt graphic project (Erica) Hoping to print shirts for all students prior to the end of the year
- Student Art Notecards project (Erin)
- Tag Sale will be Saturday, May 14th.
- Discussion of WES events to bring back (Grand Friend's Tea, Pot Lucks, Service Raffle, Town Meeting Day Pie & Quiche sales, tag/book sale, barn dance, etc.)

Family Connections

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
- Maker Space, kitchen support

Other

- School board update from Jamie McCallum

Questions/Comments?