

FOWE Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021, 6:30pm

Location: Kirsten's house, 765 Weybridge Street

(Indoors, masked, childcare available if requested ahead of time - khendy@acsdvt.org!)

In attendance: Julie Barry, Erin Davis, Kelsey Eberly, Chris Eberly, Kirsten Hendy, Christina Johnston, Alison Nurok, Sam Prouty, Mary Slosar

Principal's Message

- Cooking days- The second cooking day will be on Friday, Nov. 12. First cooking day was a success. Barbara has created some lessons associated with this event (e.g. history of potatoes). Plan is to have school cooking days once per month.
- Engineering— this year's engineering project is constructing a bird's nest. Carol Ramsayer from Otter Creek Audubon created a presentation on nests for the students to view. She also set up display of nests in the school hallway. There will be cross-grade level teams of 3 students (with a couple teams of 2), working together to construct a nest. Students will consider location of nest (i.e. habitat) in their design. It would be helpful if students could collect nesting materials (e.g. straw, spider web, twigs, etc.) at home and bring them to school for use in this project. The current plan is a "gallery walk", outside, if possible, on Friday, Nov 19th to view completed nests.
- Funding Capoeira residency – will cost \$3000. Received an ACEEF grant for \$1000. A grant application is also in to Round Robin. Artist will be visiting across 3 weeks in January. Two days a week for PE and music and also meeting with students outside these periods. Final presentation will hopefully be outside.
- Volunteers- call for volunteers! Must have criminal background check. Helping with all school cooking day, gifts for giving, the engineering project, and maker space.
- Questions/ideas – Vaccination at school will be available sooner than the original 6-week prediction.

FOWE Update

- Review of account - current balance is \$2762.93 (*recent expenditures of \$597 for cooking materials & \$42 for slackline*)
- Snake Mountain hike re-cap: great day!
- Survey seeking input for family/community events.
- Appeal letter
- Art cards:
- Firepit event at WES: Will be 2 to 4pm on either Sat., Dec 4th or Sun. Dec. 5th. A sign-up will be posted to ask for parents to bring food items.

Family Connections

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - All School Cooking Day / Thanksgiving feast?

- Gifts for Giving?
- Fall connection opportunities
 - Firepit gatherings (see FOWE update)
 - Other ideas?

Other

- Request: for cooking tools for cooking day
- Updates from recent school board & facilities committee activities
 - Facilities Committee
 - Facilities Master Plan draft complete mid-December
 - No longer a prescriptive document but now a supportive document to the Strategic Plan for Equity
 - Unknowns
 - Impact of impending state legislative changes
 - Proposed [Statement on Sustainability](#)
 - Intradistrict transfer (school choice)
 - Strategic Plan for Equity
- Discussion re: 2022 ACSD Board elections

Questions/Comments?