

FOWE Meeting Minutes

Jan 13, 2022, 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Julie Barry, Erica Castle, Erin Davis, Ophelia Eglene, Kelly Flynn, Kirsten Hendy, Christina Johnston, Alison Nurok

Principal's Message

- Capoeira residency – Prof. Fua visited one day this week. Students participate during the time allocated for music and P.E. with some additional all school gatherings and optional recess sessions. Prof. Fua emphasizes letting go of feeling self-conscious and bringing your best intelligence to the situation to make it work. Fua talks about differences in cultures... in Brazil everyone moves as it's part of the culture. He is clear about interactions and students can focus on his direction. Fua eats and visits with a classroom during lunch each day he is here.
- College students – Three students from the Middlebury College Education Studies Program will be with our three classrooms every day during the College winter term. They are quickly establishing relationships with WES students.
- Other info: Next all-school cooking day? There will not be one in January. A Brazilian dish will be on the lunch menu in the beginning of Feb to connect with Capoeira. All School cooking day will be later in February. In the future, parents and other guests will be invited to share their cooking expertise.

FOWE Update

- Review of account - current balance is \$4155.65
(includes recent deposits of \$1975 from appeal, \$25.50 Hannaford Helps)
- Fund request for Capoeira?
- Gifts for Giving recap – fun had by both the parent volunteers and the students!
- Appeal letter update

Family Connections

- Date for next Afternoon by the Fire Pit? Possibly a date after Feb vacation.
 - How to introduce expectations to parents around student activities on the playground
- Snowshoe at Hurd Grasslands possible in the future
- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - Maker Space, kitchen support during lunch service

Other

- Note Cards of student art

- Anyone interested in taking on creating better visibility of the Weybridge map? Kelly will look into this possibility further
- School board news: testing and staffing, budget: current conversation is about budget. Superintendent report included Covid-related changes in testing and how they will respond to the state's new directions.
- ACSD school board election – Jamie McCallum is running for school board position

Questions/Comments?