

Foundation Meeting
9-18-17

1. Welcome

- introduce board members and explain what the Foundation provides HR
 - The board introduced themselves.
 - The foundation supports extra things not supported by the district. Now we pay for a science teacher and a p.e. teacher. There are 10 week rotations. We also fund technology updates (iPads, chromebooks), Impact teachers. This year we are adding World of Music. The school is working with World of Music to have this rotation after lunch since the other three are morning rotations. We are waiting to hear back from World of Music with a schedule. Arts Attack will also be another rotation. We also support case by case needs such as Math/Science Olympiad.
- location of new “box”
 - When you walk in the teacher’s lounge, there was a brown box for Foundation. Now it is a drawer that says Foundation. There are files in the drawer.
- ways to get involved, see HREF Volunteer opportunities on table
 - Erica drafted a one-pager with ways parents can get involved in Foundation.

We went around the room introducing everyone.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Elise

- Reimbursement process: There is a copy of the procedures in the Foundation drawer. She needs a clean receipt. No personal items. Must be taped to an 8.5x11 paper so it does not get lost. Write on it what the event was for, who needs to be reimbursed, and how much you are expecting to be reimbursed for. If you are turning in money, turn in cash and checks separately. Also write what even it is for and how much it is in cash and how much it is in checks. This helps Elise double check that the money is the right amount.
- We have gotten some Paypal money for Fall Campaign. This combined with what is in our account we have \$46,082.49.

3. Principal’s update

-One Book One School

-Maker’s Space

- On Professional Growth day, the teachers are going to the Think a Bit lab at Qualcomm. They are going to watch students explore science and do hands on experiences. The teachers will also get to experience it. There is a maker space in the upstairs of the



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4th/5th building so kids can create. They have tons of cardboard to use for the maker space. The goal is to have TK and up using the maker space.

- Erica told us she has a connection with a parent who has tons of boxes to donate.
-World Music (see above)

-Mind Up Curriculum

- How to get the kids to be more present and calm kids down. Every morning Cindy reads a mind up moment with her morning announcements.
- There is a parent session about Mind Up Tuesday night, 9/19. There is another one Friday morning.

4. Fall Campaign Introduction-Erin

- Started Friday, 9/15. Red Envelopes went home.
- Tile Painting Party Wed. Nov 1. 6:30-8:00
 - This is for those who donate \$250 or above.
 - Erin needs volunteers to help with set-up starting at 5:30 as well as volunteers to help run it and clean up after. See her if you can help
 - Tiles will be the same size as last year.
 - Liaison email sent to class.

5. Foundation classroom Liaisons

-Need a few more

- We need liaisons for 3rd grade. There are currently none. We need one for Sheldon, Cabral, Eckman, and Sivas.
- We give the liaisons an email that just needs your name added and then can be sent out.

-will send our first email out within the next few days

6. Ralphs Rewards

- Everyone needs to enroll AGAIN every year!!! You have to go on the Ralphs site to do it. The directions are in the Ranch Round Up and on our website. It reset Sept. 1. Last year, we got \$1700 from it. Cindy recommended putting the Ralphs link on the Highland Ranch website.

7. Amazon Rewards

- You must go into our website and click on the Amazon banner for our school to get the money. We are only currently getting about \$50 a month. It is also delayed in when we get the money. WE are not allowed to advertise about it in written form.

8. Auction Update:



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May 19th, Country Club of Rancho Bernardo, Casino Night Event

- There will be casino tables. We will still have art and teacher experiences. We are still debating about live and silent auctions.
- We are hoping to find sponsorships for the casino tables. We need to get the word out that we are looking for sponsors for the tables.
- Keep a look out for auction items in case we do a raffle or auction. That part is still TBD.
- The auction is another way to get involved. It is a ton of work, but a ton of fun. The more who are involved the better.

Beth is starting art

- New parent taking this on. She will need some guidance. She is learning about the auction to possibly take over planning the auction next year.
- Elise said it is a HUGE project to do the art, so it is a great way to get involved if you want a good way to get involved and get to know people. There are a lot of options to help (cutting, going to classes, etc.).
- Elise is meeting with Beth this week to go over the art projects and what has been done in the past.

OTHER:

- A parent asked if the school has a Facebook page. The school does have one but no one uses it. We discussed using it more. We may need to redo the one that exists which would require changing the name. The current one only has 80 followers. One suggested creating a Parents of Highland Ranch group.
- Heather and Erica talked about the Foundation Summit. Foundation presidents and principals go to it to discuss relevant topics to schools. Presidents can interact with each other ask questions and share ideas.

Next Meeting is October 2nd at 7:00pm in the school library.

Mission Statement:

“The Foundation is dedicated to the children of Highland Ranch Elementary School. We are committed to the children’s welfare by providing additional financial support to enhance and improve the curriculum and educational opportunities for all students attending the school.”