

Increase/Decrease in FTE  
5/11/10 Board Meeting

<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Bel Air Elementary	Psychologist	ARRA – Tile 1 3011	.20	\$22,266	7/1/10
<b>Total Categorical Fund</b>				<b>\$22,266</b>	
Foothill Middle	Librarian	Reimburse from Outside 3970	(.20)	(\$15,670)	7/1/10
<b>Total Categorical Fund</b>				<b>(\$15,670)</b>	
<b>Grand Total Categorical Fund</b>				<b>\$6,596</b>	

Team: Site Council Minutes (SSC)  
Date: Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Meeting: #6

Attendance: Kathleen Merletti, Allen McCoy, Jesus Ovalle, Nancy Pelley, Anthony Ralls, & Tom Carman

- The Council was informed that we are losing one of our members. Sherry Cummings moved, and won't be joining our meetings any longer.
- We reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.
  - Nobody found any problems, everything was ok with the minutes.
  - There were no questions from the council.
- We talked about what a PLAS school is and why we fall in this category.
  - Questions asked:
    - What is a PLAS school?
    - Why are we a PLAS School?
    - What happens when we become a PLAS school?
  - One criteria for becoming a PLAS school is that you must raise test scores 50 pts. Over 5 years, we didn't.
    - We went from 650 – 660. What's next!
  - Once we became a PLAS school, we had to choose an option in order to continue to operate next year.
    - We choose *Transformational Model: Replace principal, make other major changes.*
- We talked about some main points from the meeting with Supt. Lawrence on PLAS schools.
  - Opportunity for change.
  - District wide assessments.
  - Use Delta View as a model; Board Math, Board Language
  - Different Grade level reading times.
  - Bilingual students end up being held back, students need to be successful.
  - Title 1 funds could be distributed more widely.
  - Board will approve plan to move us forward.
- A question was brought up to the group. Are we becoming a "Charter" school?
  - No!
  - We talked about the negatives to becoming a Charter school and why it is a bad idea. The district would have less power if that happened.
- Jesus – Parent involvement is the key to student success. Parents need to help at home and in school.
- We talked about parent involvement.
  - 22 Parents came to the last PTA meeting.
  - What can we do as parents?
  - The Council approved the Safety Plan
- The council approved 1 more day of Psychologist next year, funded through ARRA funds. It gives us 3 total: 1 from District and 2 from Title 1.
- The next meeting will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 3:30pm



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Foothill Parent Faculty Association**  
**April 14, 2010**  
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**Attendees:**

Mary Phalon, Maria Kopf, Linda Law, Kathy Frattini, Gail Markham, Linda Hutcherson, Katherine Thomas, Pam Lundgren, Susan Broehm, Betsy Henderson, Amanda Ross, Mary Hain Rinehart, Betsy Ortiz, Kim Harris, Sonia Roscoe, Siggie Reavis, Amy Joseph, Sue Fielding, Mai Dayyat, Dawn Guglimino

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Mary Phalon, President of the PFA. Minutes from March 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion initiated by Susan Broehm and seconded by Kathy Frattini. Same passed unanimously.

(Note: The order of the Agenda was changed slightly to accommodate schedules.)

**Principal's Report: Mrs. Hutcherson**

Mrs. Hutcherson reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the east coast over spring break was a huge success. The group of 70 visited D.C., Gettysburg, Jamestown, and NYC during a very busy trip. Mrs. Kunich and Mr. Eklund (along with his wife) attended with Mrs. Hutcherson as staff chaperones.

On 4/14/10, an 84 year old concentration camp survivor visited Foothill and spoke about her experiences, promoting tolerance and hope for the new generations. It was held for the entire eighth grade student body and this was during Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Mrs. Hutcherson reported that the Northgate feeder pattern schools have been working together to increase communication and the teacher's have been doing site visits at the other schools. Also, during the last week of March, the fifth grade teachers from Walnut Acres, Valle Verde and Bancroft attended Foothill in efforts to increase communication between the schools.

Mrs. Hutcherson reported that the enrollment for this 2009-2010 year was at 1045 students, and the projected enrollment for next school year, 2010-2011 is at 1004 (the sixth grade student class is smaller, at approximately 300 students.)

Mrs. Hutcherson reported that motions were necessary to definitively state the position end dates for the positions funded by the PFA for the extra day of Librarian, the Librarian

Assistant position, the Computer Instructional Assistant, and the Site Tech position. These will be addressed under New Business below.

**Faculty Report: Mrs. Thomas**

Mrs. Thomas gave a big thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Activity Committee, as distribution of the packets to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders was completed on Monday 4/12/10. She also reported that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce event at Boundary Oaks on 3/25/10 along with some of the administrators from Foothill, and it was a great event. She was hopeful to encourage more teachers to attend next year to represent Foothill.

She reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Renaissance Fair was a success, and that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade staff wished to thank all the parents for their support and donations for that event.

Currently Spanish classes are working on mosaics; and French classes are corresponding with their pen-pals in France.

Report Cards would be sent home on Friday 4/16/10 and Star Testing would be soon, coming up on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**School Crisis Counselor Report: Dawn Guglimino**

Mrs. Guglimino is the newest member of the counselor team at Foothill. She is at Foothill one day per week and has made connections with many students. Mrs. Guglimino noted that she sees a great deal of mental health issues that relate directly to the current economic situation, and the trickle-down effect it is having on the students, as well as the "normal" middle-school issues experienced by youth of this age bracket. She is booked solid most days that she is at Foothill from 7:15 until 4:00 pm. Teachers, students or parents can make recommendations for appointments.

Currently there are Crisis Counselors at Foothill four days per week.

**PAC Update:** No PAC update due to rescheduling from District.

**Library Committee Report:** Mary Hain-Rinehart

Mrs. Hain-Rinehart reported that the new library and librarian assistant funded by the PFA have been a huge success and the library is running really smoothly. The parents that volunteer report great things from their experiences. There are approximately 50 students in the library during each of the two lunch periods per day (and not always the same students), so a large percentage of the student body is benefiting from the library being open.

**Facilities Committee Report:** Gail Markham

Mrs. Markham reported that there is much planning underway for the upcoming 4/24/10 "Clean and Preen" day being held at Foothill, as a campus beautification event. Parents and students are encouraged to come out from the hours of 9-12 on Saturday 4/24 and help. Snacks will be served, and participants are encouraged to bring gloves, gardening tools, and waterproof shoes. The Facilities committee is working in conjunction with the

ECK club to do some planting, purchase and install a new bench for the front of Foothill by the flagpole, plant some trees along the front of the office wing, and some litter abatement as well as power-washing is planned. For more information, contact Gail Markham at [gailmarkham@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gailmarkham@sbcglobal.net) Donations of snacks and water would be appreciated if people are unable to attend on the day.

**Safety Committee:** Amanda Ross

Ms. Ross reported that during the Clean and Preen event, she will have access to the disaster preparedness backpacks and will be restocking them.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan Broehm

Susan reported that she is continuing work on staffing for next year's PFA. Most of the spots are filled, with 7/8 exceptions. She will forward an updated copy to Board members for additional assistance, so please help us to find parents and fill the spots so we can continue the great parent support we have at Foothill.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Committee:** Mai Dayyat

Mrs. Dayyat reported that packets for upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities went home on Monday 4/12 to all students. The fee for each student is \$60 and that includes the Water Slides Admission, transportation to and from the event (8 buses needed), two separate catered lunches, rental of stage and chairs for promotion ceremony, the DJ/Entertainment for the dance, and decorations for events. Volunteers are welcome, and donations are still needed of water bottles, baked goods and loans of ice chests. Please contact her if you can help ([maidayyat@aol.com](mailto:maidayyat@aol.com) ). Forms from students are due back by 4/30/10.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

**President's Report:** Mary Phalon

Ms. Phalon commented that we are all aware of the current budgetary conditions and are hopeful that we can continue to count on our parent base to provide a consistent level of support. Board members are encouraged to spread the word about the importance of attending the May meeting due to the current district budgetary climate.

Mrs. Phalon also reminded the parents to use the e-gazette as a means of getting information out about their respective committees. The remaining deadlines for the e-gazettes are: April 30, May 14, May 28 and June 11.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Frattini

Ms. Frattini distributed updated budget and discussed. The budget for school year 2010-2011 will be voted on at May meeting, so she encouraged people to spread the word about attending to other Foothill parents.

**Vice President Report:** Maria Kopf

Mrs. Kopf did not attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting this month, but it was reported that the Chamber had commented on the lack of teacher's from Foothill that attended the teacher appreciation event on 3/25/10 at Boundary Oaks.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report:** Gail Markham

Mrs. Markham will investigate the feasibility of sending out the daily bulletin to parents each day via email in an effort to increase communication.

**Secretary's Report/ Report from Site Council:** Linda Law

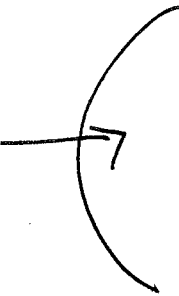
Meeting moved to accommodate MDUSD meetings, to be held 4/20/10.

Mrs. Law also reported that some new fundraisers will be forthcoming for Foothill in the months of April and May. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Daphne's at Ygnacio Plaza will donate 20% of the cost of meal to Foothill (flyer which is on website and will go home in egazette must be presented). Another fundraiser will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Rubio's in Pleasant Hill, with 20% again being donated to Foothill.

The idea is that many families eat out or on the run due to busy schedules, so we should try to maximize the benefit for Foothill if possible.

Further, there will be a sign hanging on the fence denoting the PFA's support of safety. FOOHILL CARES..... This is a NO phone zone.... Keep our Students Safe.... Too many individuals are seen talking or texting while driving in the vicinity of our neighborhood schools, the PFA encourages parents to obey the law and put down their phones for the safety of our students. A limited number of window decals are available at PFA meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**



A motion was made by Linda Law which stated that the positions of Librarian (one day per week), Instructional Assistant for the Library (5 days per week for 10 hours per week) and the Computer Instructional Assistant are to end effective June 14, 2010. In addition, the position of Site Tech II (12 hours per week), is to end effective June 30, 2010. Discussion ensued, and Betsy Henderson seconded the motion as stated. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

Sue Fielding was present and requested that the Board consider purchasing an additional defibrillator for the front office, as the only one on site at Foothill is in the gymnasium. The Board agreed to take this under consideration and discuss further at the May PFA meeting. Further she noted that the Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and she will provide further information and requests for assistance.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.**

**Next scheduled meeting set for Wednesday May 12, 2010 @  
7pm in Foothill Library.**