



Cheremoya Foundation

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Monthly Meeting Minutes #5

School Year 2015/2016

25 February 2016

Called to order 8:40 AM

JUSTIN: Why are we having so much trouble getting started this semester? enrollment increase, new expectations... some things to come to build community and increase awareness. all welcome, all the time! Create initiatives and execute under CF umbrella to utilize people who want to help.

1. Family Movie Night at Cheremoya–Walker, Salva(4mins)

- a. Culmination of Dr. Suess Week and work shop series–via Mr.Davis
- b. Next Friday 3/4@ 5:45PM–Cat InTheHat! — salva explains the details. in the auditorium. blankets and lawn chairs. mr davis and justin spearheaded this. selling popcorn and waters.
- c. Teacher driven, CF supported and promoted – no kid drop off!
- d. Auditorium–think picnic!

SALVA brings up Parent Workshops - not well attended or very successful this year. trying something new and having 2 sessions. once after school and one in the evening. Mental math, phonics, writers workshop,...math & literacy focus. davis brodsley boiadjian cheung hakobyan are presenting. topics are what the kids are doing in class and meant to support the parents to help their kids.

2. PrimeTime After School–Cooper, Harvey, Walker (6mins)

- a. New info post set-up-day (Wednesday 2/24)
- b. Start date (March 1) and suggested scholarship format per Peter Strauss was on campus yesterday introducing themselves. gave out “stress balls.” paid program. JUSTIN: says that teachers feel this program will separate the school into two schools. everything we do is geared towards curriculum and to ensure we are all included. hoping to create CF subsidy for scholarships.

3. Outdoor Learning Center–Kent, Walker, Butler, Cooper, Harvey, Conti (10mins)

- a. Revised hybrid strategy per District budget and CF committee
- b. Revised blue print per O’Grady, Drnek, Kent, Walker, Butler
- c. Fundraising targets via documents (and acknowledgements) – EnrichLA guarantee

we’ve worked to get the budget down to \$35k + 8,700 donation from Zimmer’s office.

scope of project was originally at over \$100k. we removed some items and reconfigured things to take advantage of ENRICHLA and parent involvement.

NEED FOR... shade structures, discussion sod vs artificial turf, additional apparatus area for kids on far side, BUT we need to fundraise to cover all these things.

KATHLEEN: hasn’t had a lot of support cleaning. sees that the ficus and the figs as a problem to the fake grass idea. “we are trying to do things in a natural way.” RK, sarah clarke support her.

SARAH: also speaks to the problem with the tree and the use of astro turf which requires cooling before use, seams become damaged and

need to be replaced, short term costs with maintenance, and other issues with fake grass, including health.

CHIARA: tree is too big and LAUSD has to trim tree. the tree needs to be trimmed.

SALVA: says he “thinks” Javier has a work-order in. districts responsibility to act on it if it has been touching the bungalows. but hasn't followed up himself.

SARAH: can we hire someone and give the district the bill?

JUSTIN: doesn't think the district would approve.

CK: we will get it done and can not even move forward with our plans until that tree issue is resolved. we haven't made a final decision of what the surface will be either.

JUSTIN: gives some background on WILDLANDS to current state of project. we have to move quickly with a solid plan. we have to think about reality of who will maintain any of this. as a group, we need to vote or something like that, since we are paying for this. he thinks changing the surface will effect the project going forward.

SARAH: if we can't do real grass then can we use playground ground material.

4. 9 Dots Program—(5mins)

9 Dots started by engineers at Selma Elementary. Mission to ensure students had access to STEM education. build academic foundation and build a passion to the kids. tutoring support and enrichment. provide classes and present STEM in an engaging way. robotics, bridge building, design. GET CODING INITIATIVE— partner with schools to teach coding and train existing elementary school teachers. Our students code at high level for their grade. Our students write in Java Script. PD sessions thru out the year to support teachers. All curriculum based. Google Grant has been applied for to get the money to make this happen at Cheremoya. Build a “Culture of Coding.”

\$4,500/class — cheremoya is doing 4 classes \$18,000 — since we are 72% free lunch the school covers 30% and the grant covers the rest.

JUSTIN - we have chrome books.

SALVA - says that Zimmer suggested 9 Dots to him.

5. Clean Cheremoya power HOUR and-a-half–Rocchio (5mins)

testing out the concept for a quick parent clean up effort around the school. beautifying the school. kids welcome! fun way to get together and do something for the weekend. 9am. this saturday. kettle glazed afterwards.

JUSTIN: thanks to Laura R. for setting this up. and Lisa Fink with her on-going clean up. greatly appreciated.

6. Formal School Committees–Salva, Walker (8mins)

a. Response to parent feed back and need

b. Structure(flow-through to CF) and election timing (spring) for greatest effect.

JUSTIN: Beginning of the year there was lots of talk that getting things done by committee but no support or follow thru by people who have signed up for them. committees are formed thru the foundation. we have committees . valet, afterschool programs, clean up, technology, arts programs, enrichment... in order to continue outreach.... formalize school created committees in spring to get set up for the next year in fall... sets it up better for the summer as well. we will support any committees. in an effort to avoid redundancy we wont have the same committees on both sides.

SALVA: parent center make-over. turning it into a parent-ed hub. moving parent center into main building. parent community rep position annual position. open it up to application process. 5 day a week, full time position, or two part time positions. he will know in a few days whether we receive this make-over.

CF has done outreach to entire school since we started but there is push back.

7. Parent Items Sheet–Kent, Salva (8mins)

- a. Thorough and proactive items sheet to be shared first and delivered
- b. Suggested course(s) of action and how CF can help
- c. Ultimately integrated into committees as needed

8. Enrichment Programs Update–Kent, Walker, Salva (5mins)

- a. New Garden Ranger, response to YMCA feedback, HAC back 3/1

CK: hopes this will improve communication with new garden ranger. YMCA PE Program, also adjusted the program per teacher feedback. But the teachers did not advise us of issues and we did not find out until after the first of the year.

SALVA: kids should be getting 200 additional minutes of additional PE time with their students. the YMCA is additional time, but the students are supposed to get this additional time outside of the program.

so are they?

JUSTIN: communication disconnect regarding problems and took forever to get to the foundation. but issues were resolved within a day. this shouldn't happen. HAC, YMCA, GATE, ENRICHLA... programs we created or were able to get back into the school and we are very protective of them. christine called enrich and resolved issue in one call. she called YMCA and resolved that issue within the day.

but we need to know. we need to be advised.

9. Exclusive Art Display at Trader Joes– Kalin (4mins)

HEIDI KALIN — TRADER JOE'S: artwork at our local store. new management came in and they shot us down. lisa fink became friends with the manager and now we can put artwork up again. switches out once per month. we can show what we like. CK says we can get art from the EnrichLA and SALVA says we can use a cart for art collection space.

10. Franklin Village Valet Rental Initiative – Walker, Harding, Salva (2 mins)

a. Advance meeting with 4-part committee Friday 2:45PM

it's very clear that all of this stuff takes a lot of work. takes a lot of labor. Franklin Village parking initiative.... the idea is that this is labor free money. every single day we could be getting parking space rental. SALVA: schools choice as to which parts are used. JUSTIN: his understanding that black-top is off the table. keep it to teachers lot. funds to the school. labor free. relief to the area. business owners support it. council district and neighborhood councils support it.

JUSTIN: the make-over upstairs continues. the art boxes and stars are being installed. the teachers can put up whatever art they like. cork boards are up. cheung's board was repaired by ms. royce.

ADJOUNED 10:12am