

FOESL meeting minutes
October 15, 2014

Attendees- Jana Reddoch, Julie Solomon, Chris Myers, Patrick Fuller, Gisela Walitzki, Hilary O'Hollaren, Dawn Swanson, Kristina Geary, Becca Thompson, Elizabeth Hutchins

Julie Solomon- Financial Report

Julie reviewed the current balance which is \$6,780. There is still pending the transfer of \$1,500 to the libraries and \$500 to AASK. The new OES accounting system has not yet integrated a FOESL account, but the \$6,780 is our balance. Julie is working with Janice Warren, the accounting manager at OES.

Patrick Fuller- MS Librarian- The author Dori Yang, will be visiting next week to speak with the 6th graders. This is her 4th year visiting. Her book "Daughter of Xanadu" is part of the humanities curriculum.

The MS teachers have a "Teacher's Collection" of books. Parents can purchase a book of their choosing at the book fair to contribute to this collection.

The author visit by Chris Grabenstein went extremely well in the lower school. The students thoroughly enjoyed his visit. It was felt that his travel fees were worth his visit.

Annie Bloom's book fair-

Everything is going well in preparation for the book fair. Some issues are:

Making certain parents understand that they need to purchase the teacher wish books through Annie Bloom's, either as a pre-order or at the store. We can add an additional sign at the lower school board to remind parents.

We need to ask parents again to volunteer to be a room parent liason. The link is on Volunteerspot. We can ask Mari Schwalbach to put this in the Sunday email.

The sign-up for the parent bus is yet to go live. The bus will be Friday morning, Nov. 14th, and Monday afternoon, Nov. 17th.

We will ask Tom Berridge to photograph the parent bus Friday morning, publish in the Aardvark Friday afternoon and encourage parents to shop over the weekend.

Chris Myers is working on student entertainment at the book fair.

We may not be able to offer the faculty/staff the same 10% discount as was done in prior years. Annie Bloom's also has a new accounting system and it may be too cumbersome to ask them to keep a separate tab. We want this first year to go as smoothly as possible for them. They have been extraordinarily generous with all of our requests to host this book fair.

Madeleine Menashe in the store is helping order OES stickers and buttons for volunteers to wear at the fair.

The ECHOES book drive at the fair will benefit Neighborhood House, Head Start. There are 95 titles to choose from. It was approved by the committee that the books will be paid for at the book fair by parents, and if any are left over, then the FOESL budget will be used to pay for the remaining books.

Next book fair committee meeting is next Wednesday October 22 at 1:30 pm.

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