



**MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
**Thursday, March 3rd, 2022**  
**8:45 AM**

Meeting called to order at 8:45 am

Approval of notes from February meeting, Cathy approved, Gina seconded

Gina Brooke,

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Enchanted Dance in the courtyard, games and prizes, red carpet, encourage families to dress up, suggested price is \$25 per child, 6:00pm- 8:00 pm

President's Report, Tara Fergusson

Volunteer Fatigue – how can we get more people excited to volunteer? Within 40 minutes we had art at lunch volunteers, walk n roll and lounge fairy becomes empty, why the difference. We need to get everyone excited more about MUSF, board members need to help a little more. Tara is going to send out the volunteer list and meet with small group to review the volunteer positions for next year.

Bylaws- updated to remove term limits. Removed executive committee, all approved and no opposed

Nominating Committee – will be led by the VP, available positions will go out to Parent Square, future you will get open for all the positions to entire school, board will then select to members to be put on the slate, ask others that are not on the board

Budget and Calendar Review – Erika and Tara will meet with Anthony and Virginia to review for following year

Nature Lab – water feature is starting to be talked about! We would like to fundraise with some drawings and renderings, quote to design etc. The new shed is where the kiln will be, electricity and exhaust to be done too. Fountain working in Peus Grove, working with Brooke to get plants to grow, the living fence has a lot of plants going up at the fence line. Lots of plats at bird and bear orchard, removing two of the storage units, will pretty up the wall with living fence or mural. (30) vertical gardens will go down there as well. Casa Del Sol coming in two weeks, constructing and arriving soon! (9) tables coming in second week of April.

Vice President, Carolyn Fitzgerald

Grant updates, we have another grant from Crystal Clark, hopefully \$5-\$10 grand, the grant writer is retiring and would like to introduce us to another grant writer, at about \$80-\$100K. Carolyn asking for \$4k more to continue on, approved to move forward with more

Annual Giving Chair, Cathy Bunnin

Now at \$122k raised for the Mustang Fund, end result of meeting was to continue on to do big things. Idea to keep with same time frame for running Mustang Fund.

Anthony Ranii, Superintendents Report

Staff Appreciation Lunch – will be held in May, families bring food, parent volunteers help staff etc

Tod Spieker, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, jog a thon in person, move a thon will be held before, every parent will log in and to log the kids move a thon minutes, jog at end will be a celebration of all the weeks work,

Jenny Haeg, Sponsorships

Finalized sponsorship tiers, all on the website, next a parent square post will go up, no tickets sold yet,

Gala update ( Carolyn )

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-10 pm, really working toward making money, help them bloom, is the theme to include children, spring, nature lab. Music, food and drinks

Anthony Superintendents Report –

Thank you for goody bags, and teacher staff appreciation

No masks for indoor and outdoor on March 11<sup>th</sup>, there are kids excited and some that would like to keep them on. Our school counselor will be going to classrooms to offer help for any students that need it.

Testing for covid when there is an exposure, he has to send out the notice, he also has to test the kids,

Facilities – Hvac project at library, will consider second phase of windows and doors for board meeting. They will get the bids on March 15<sup>th</sup>, for buildings D & E. With savings and CA state we have 9 million, will do internal borrowing. Lots of classes moving around to do so,

Integrated Learning – Vanessa made a report of integrated learning, that will go out to all the parents now.

Next MUSF Meeting, Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022