

Findley PTO Meeting		
MINUTES	Meeting Date: 11/04/2019	Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location:	Findley Elementary
Meeting called by:	Amy Heang-President, Findley PTO
Type of meeting:	General PTO Meeting
Facilitator:	Amy Heang
Note taker:	Kristy Ballou
Attendees:	Amy Heang, Kristy Ballou, Amy Humble, Sherry Marsh, Paul Swardstrom, Ani Kybert-Momjian, Anju Hadkarni, Ebenezei Fynn Aikins, Xylecia Fynn Aikins, Wen-Yang, Dana Rodman, Shilpa Rathi, Terra Groom, Surender Thungathurti, Khyati Shah, Dipesh Shah

<u>Agenda Items</u>	
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be three General PTO Meetings this year. • Everyone is also invited to attend monthly board meeting – see PTO website/calendar for dates • PTO Board Members were introduced • Last meeting minutes from the May 2019 General PTO meeting are approved
2.	<p>Dragon Dash Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite lower school enrolment, we exceeded this year’s dragon dash fundraising goal, not including company matching • Company matching will come in over the next few years • Participation was at 94%. • Award assembly was on Oct. 25; Presto the magician show was last Tuesday; Party for top earners is upcoming • If you are interested in helping out with next year’s dragon dash, please contact Amy Humble.
3.	<p>PTO Treasurer Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well above expected donations for dragon dash. • We have a fair amount of roll-over from last year that wasn’t spent last year. We were hoping to do field improvements, but the bid price for that work was too high. We may re-bid that work this winter to see if we can get a better price. We are also looking at playground improvements.
4.	<p>Principal Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teachers have apple TV’s. • We have started purchasing items for the new science lab/maker space. The science lab idea came from a group of students last year. • 3rd Graders are making stop motion videos using clay in their Technology special right now. • Morning announcements are also created with the technology in the maker space lab.

	<p>Currently, the announcements are bi-weekly; we hope to transition to weekly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Chromebooks will be used for state testing this year instead of the old desktop computers. • Findley’s maximum class size is 30. Other elementary schools in BSD have up to 34-36 students in a class. • District is looking at a new model of how they allocate teachers. We don’t know how that will impact Findley (high or lower class sizes). • Please give the district your input for the Student Success Act. Go to district web-site under the “get involved” tab. There are also links to the survey in the Findley newsletter. • Student Success Act funds will be available next school year. • Middle school boundary adjustment committee meetings are underway. The new middle school will open in school year 2021-2022. Middle school boundary advisory committee will re-draw the boundary to fill the new middle school and to downsize the student population of overcrowded Stoller Middle School. The next meeting is tomorrow night at 6:30 at Stoller Middle School, and the meeting is open to the public. At tomorrow’s meeting they will start looking at maps and how they will re-draw the boundaries. • Springville K-8 and Raleigh Hills K-8 are being phased out. • Parent Partnership Series – Morning meetings with Findley’s counselor and student success coach to help parents learn what we are teaching in school regarding social and emotional development. Hoping to do one more meeting before end of the year – date/topic will be announced later. • Some parents are interested in having an afterschool Spanish learning program. If a parent would like to lead/organize that effort, they are welcome to. Wen-Yang may be interested in taking this on. • Findley has licenses to a Spanish on-line program. The leadership team is looking at how to best use the program at school. It is possible that students would also be able to use that program at home. There is also a program available through the public library that students can use at home.
5.	<p>Volunteer Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport Club on Wednesday mornings • Flyers Tuesday at lunch and Thursday mornings • Art Literacy • Need a new Findley Directory Lead for next year
6.	<p>Upcoming Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Zerby assembly is coming up. Topic will be about literacy. He will be here on the November 22nd.
7.	<p>Next Meeting: February 10, 2020 at 7 pm</p>
8.	<p>End of Meeting.</p>