

FOR Club Meeting Notes

November 14, 2023 - 4:30pm

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Halloween Carnival Recap!!

What an amazing turn-out for this year's first Halloween Carnival at the newly renovated school location - we estimate anywhere between 1,000-2,000 attendees!

We raised just under \$30,000 - thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen! There may be some additional sponsorship opportunities from businesses as a result of our event too. We profited about \$22,000 compared to \$18,000 last year.

Some notes for next year, we may be able to use the field/grass for the Carnival next year. We may switch the cake-walk location to the VAPA room and we are working on a safety plan next year, perhaps asking the fire dept. to have a rep there in a first aid tent to prevent injuries.

Teacher Grants

We've had 4 requests so far, no new grants since our last meeting. We've currently approved \$2,792.13 out of the \$15,000 budgeted - leaving \$12,207.87 left for teacher grant requests for the remainder of the school year!



Treasury Financial Update

October Income:

- \$27,400 Halloween Carnival Sales
- \$1,188 Mustang Market
- \$500 Happy Birthday Messages
- \$144 Skyzone Dine-Out
- \$3,500 Sponsorships
- \$88.25 Student Store
- \$300 Student Council (Passthrough)
- \$360 Fifth Grade T-Shirts (Passthrough)

October Expenses:

- \$5,400 Halloween Carnival
- \$3,039 Mustang Market (Sweaters)
- \$116 Raise Craze
- \$13 Chess Club
- \$185 Credit Card Processing Fees
- \$86 Staff Appreciation Events
- \$430 STEAM
- \$1,142 Teacher Grant Program

Dine-Out!

Once a month, a local restaurant or activity will host an event where proceeds go back to our school. Don't miss the next ones:

- **Thursday, 1/25 - Old Spaghetti Factory**

Teacher Appreciation

We will be providing some holiday pumpkin pies for teachers to enjoy before Thanksgiving Break in the teacher's room.



Principal Update

We hosted the Fall Music Showcase and after the first day, there were 35 5th-Graders and 32 TK-ers in attendance to perform.

Student Council is proud of their soccer goals they saved for years to get and were also able to afford balls & additional play equipment. There are \$190 in Student Council funds left. We will see if they want to do a bake sale fundraiser at the Choir Performance.

Thank you to FOR Club for Grants helping buy books for all grade levels and also the SEL library.

Teacher Representative Update

STEAM Teacher, Allison, would like to thank FOR Club for the STEAM supplies provided.

Our Science Garden has started it's planting and will be under the budget for Mr. Nash's Garden Fund, if possible.

Mustangs Running Club

We currently have about 120 students signed up for the Running Club and sign-ups have officially closed on Friday, 11/17. We will be refining the member list through December to encourage consistency of about once per week attendance. We have been playing running games and tracking laps - soon we will hope to start teaching some more technique as the student roster is finalized. Shout-out to parent, Nelson, who built an online tracking program and website for the club! HUGE THANK YOU to all the consistent parent volunteers every morning who help make the club run so smoothly!

Student Store Update!

We've had \$88.25 in profit (\$300 YTD) from Student Store and we're hoping to open it every other Friday since so many kids are interested. 45 kids applied and we hope to hire more with more open days.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale online. You can purchase them by clicking on this link! Our school code is 17701 or you can look us up by name. Prices go up after Halloween!

Open Forum Discussions!

Come listen and raise any questions you may have about the FOR Club programs and fundraisers during our meetings. Here are the ones discussed at this meeting:

- November & December, we are hoping to form a Bylaws Committee so that we are prepared to discuss any updates or changes for January 2024's Bylaws Meeting with Principal Julie.
- Question was raised on who manages Richland Elementary's School Website (not the FOR Club website) - the answer is Gaby & the School District have joint responsibilities.
- Question was raised on why our school isn't on a solar energy plan - the answer is a Tesla Grant awarded only \$1M for the entire district and though they're working on grant availability to get solar, Richland wasn't issued this money directly at the time of our rebuild.
- Motion to bring back/purchase the Friendship Bench. Julie B. says we can do this but Student Council may want input so she'll bring it up to them.