

Fremont Open Plan Parent Advisory Group Meeting February 16, 2010 (pending approval)

1. Meeting called to order- 6:35pm, by Michele Morton, PAG Chairperson.
2. Approval of PAG January minutes- Michele Morton motioned to approve minutes; Sarah Lepe and Mary Morado seconded.
3. We went around and made family introductions.
4. Staff Reports
 - A. Principal- Jane Manley- They have been doing an outreach survey to see “where you heard about us?” word of mouth was the winner. The friends and family work day is scheduled for March 27, 2010 please come and help our school look great by doing odd jobs, like painting, planting, weeding, and other odd stuff around the school grounds, begins around 8:30-9am.
 - B. Head Teacher- Jess Taylor- the theatrical performance - we need to get aggressive on getting this going,
Prospective families were adjourned
 - C. Kindergarten- we have been focusing on letter writing. Cards for friendship day, and writing letters to mail dog. We have been learning about symbols of the USA and the students made books to take home. Today we started our unit on community helpers, we will be having many classroom visits starting with Mrs. Manley tomorrow and Michele Morton next week, we have doctors, dentists, and police officers visiting us in the coming weeks. This unit also has a transportation section, we will be receiving visits from a fire truck, an ambulance, and possibly the police K9 unit. We also have a field trip scheduled for the Stockton children’s museum on march 5th.
 - D. Primary Department- finished up the bird unit. Now they are learning about the weather cycle, Liam’s dad Lowell came in and made a cloud in a bottle, and the kids thought that was amazing. They made and handed out their friendship cards, and received a gift from their cross-age partners, a laminated strip with their name on it, with a special message written on the back. The kids are now using these as book marks for their book baskets.
 - E. Middle Department- finished up their unit dealing with magnets, electricity, and inventions. Children built their own inventions, we had new games, toothbrush improvements, pet toys, and even a remote control broom and trash can. We are reading Dear Mr. Henshaw.
We are excited to move onto pioneers. Students will learn about the old west through the text of Patty Reed’s Doll. They will also be doing an autobiography on a person from that time. The students will also be partnering up with the neighborhood fourth grade to have Pioneer day. Students will do everything Pioneers did on the Oregon Trail. This will be an awesome day, and takes place on March 19, our first parent meeting will be Feb. 25, 2010 after school in rm 19.
 - F. Upper Department- Last week we rode Amtrak to the California State Railroad Museum. We had several finalists in the Peace Essay contest. Peace Essay Finalist: Cica, Joseph, Odalys, Victoreya, Jayson

Ceremonies/ Reception March 19, @ 7pm @ Mary Stuart Rogers student center on MJC west campus. Eddy Award winner from FOP-Elizabeth Cardenas, ceremonies @ Downey on march 4th @7:00pm. We are making plaster masks that should be finished this week, with painting being finished next week. We have had fun making U.S. Flags by tearing construction paper.

G. Treasurer- Andrew Bowman-expenses distributed: teacher supply money, art supply money, Amtrak field trip, odyssey of the mind (in, and out) And the % for the fund drive are: kinder 70% primary 72% middle64% upper 60% total 66%. Total raised \$16,886.79, % of budget 77%

Also a family donated \$200.00 for the peace assembly, also budget meeting dates are being set, will be finalized by next meeting.

5. Committee reports

A. The end of the year picnic will be combined with a retirement party on may 28, 2010.

6.NewBusiness

A. nominations are now open for the 2010-2011 PAG executive board, we will allow 14 days for nominations, and nominations will be announced at the next meeting.

B. Celebration of lights parade, we received 2nd place, thank you Ryan Gallo and the families involved. It was a fun experience.

7. Items too late for the agenda

A. Joe Craven is willing to reduce his rate and he is very interactive if we would like to book him for an enrichment assembly. We will follow-up on this.

8. Meeting adjourned- 7:17pm

Submitted by Tiffany Pacheco, PAG secretary