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Forest Ranch Charter School – Board of Directors
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM
15815 Cedar Creek Road, Forest Ranch, CA 95942

Meeting Minutes

1. Open Session – *Call to Order at 5:40pm*
2. Roll Call
 - a. Christia Marasco – Director *Present*
 - b. Lisa Speegle – Consulting CBO
 - c. Monica Rogers – Business Coordinator *Present*
 - d. Michele Jimenez – Teacher Advisor/Liaison
 - e. Beth Wattenberg – Chair, Community Representative (June 2026) *Present*
 - f. Tamba Sellu – Vice Chair, Parent Representative (June 2024) *Present*
 - g. Teresa Amoroso – Secretary, Parent Representative (June 2025) *Present*
 - h. Joanna Robbins – Treasurer, Parent Representative (June 2026) *Present*
 - i. Robert Chaplin – Educational Representative (June 2024) *Present*
 - j. Susie Welker – Parent Representative (June 2025; resigned August 2024)
 - k. Janessa Sederquist – Community Representative (June 2026).
 - l. Taneesha Lutey – PTP President *Present*
3. Celebrations / Recognitions

Dawsons has fixed all the sprinklers, reseeded the baseball field, and sod on the back field.

Morea Martin has started on the mural on the side wall of room 7.
4. Review Meeting Norms
5. Public Comments on Items NOT on the Current Meeting Agenda
6. Changes / Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda
7. Consent Calendar
 - a. Consider Approval of September 19 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Consider Approval of September Financials
 - c. Consider Approval of Upcoming Field Trips

4th and 5th grade with Mrs. Sellu going to Gateway Museum total cost \$95.00. Sellu and Ulep's class field trip to the Laxson Theater Circus and Mechanics performance, total cost \$330.00. Shady Creek 5th grade, \$350.00 per student; \$5,600 total cost for 5 days and 4 nights.

Teresa motions to approve the consent calendar items; September 19 Meeting Minutes; September Financials; and Upcoming Field Trips with a cost of up to \$ 6,025.00; Joanna seconds, all say aye, motion passed.

8. Discussion/Action Calendar

- a. Discuss and Consider Approval of 23-24 Employee Handbook
Robert motions to approve the 23-24 Employee Handbook, Joanna seconds, all say aye, motion passed.
- b. Update and Discussion of Nutrition Services Program
We were approved and now are a National Nutritional Program.
- c. Discuss and Consider Approval of Measure K Projects
Tamba motions to approve; 1. An additional \$13,500 for fold down tables; 2. \$7,375 For doors and mounting of basketball hoops; 3. Increase the total for the playgrounds to \$250,000; Robert seconds, all say aye, motion passed.
- d. Discuss and Consider Approval of PTP Event – Trunk or Treat
Oct 31st Trunk or Treat from 5pm to 6pm at the FRCS parking lot. Teresa motions to approve the PTP Trunk or Treat Event for Oct 31st from 5-6pm, Tamba seconds, all say aye, motion passed.
- e. Discuss and Consider Approval of PTP and Student Government Fundraisers
Penny Wars – November 1-17th
Restaurant Takeover – November 6 at Woodstock
December Chipotle
Snack Sales at School Events & the Foxes Cafe
Skate Night (Coordinate with another school)
Multicultural Night – Basket Raffle
Car Wash – Rescheduled for Spring 2024
FRCS Gear Sale – Need to have 24 items to place order.
Dinner Show Case
Teresa motions to approve all the PTP and Student Government Fundraisers, Beth seconds, all say aye, motion passed.

9. Reports and Presentations

- a. Director Report
 - i. Enrollment: *107 Students*
 - ii. Student Achievement and Related Measures
Training staff and faculty to continue to support students.
 - iii. Campus and Student Safety
 - iv. Human Resources
Teachers are not getting as much prep time for their classrooms.
Working to use professional day money to give them 1 or ½ day for preparation or plan days for their students.
 - v. Upcoming School Event
Middle School Dance Friday October 20th
Trunk or Treat on Tuesday October 31st

vi. Professional Development

Teachers use thinking maps in their classrooms. It helps students with their writing skills.

vii. Board Development and Update on Responsibility Actions

Brown Act training for more of our board members.

b. Teacher Report

1st Grade

1st grade finished up their geography unit two weeks ago with a hands on/tactile project. We've moved on to a physical science unit on the 3 laws of motion (Sir Isaac Newton). They're enjoying many hands-on investigating/experiments with these 3 laws. They also earned a class party that they came up with and voted on (social studies standards for 1st grade on democracy) ... Glow in the Dark Party. So much fun and engaging! We are continuing Laws of Motion for another two weeks. Starting digraphs for language arts and preparing for story elements through Halloween stories. Continuing subtraction strategies for math.

Katrina Stearns

4th / 5th Grade

We are wrapping up imaginative landform writing and beginning haunted house narrative writing. To inspire their writing, first they are creating digital haunted house art. Some students have figured out how to incorporate moving gifs into their haunted houses. We continue to boost reading skills by using Raz kids leveled books and pulling small reading groups focusing on different comprehension skills each week. We wrapped up our 4 spheres unit with our first science test. We had fun playing state games, singing songs, and building puzzles to wrap up our geography unit. In math 5th graders are dividing, while 4th graders are mastering multiplication. Both groups continue to build their fact fluency using Reflex, card games, songs, and now Marcy Cook algebraic tiles. We enjoyed our back-to-back field trips to Gateway Museum and Laxson Theater. We are very busy but have been enjoying staying focused on our learning while listening to Harry Potter soundtrack, instrumental sounds of Hawaii, Yosemite, or non-lyric Jazz!

Lisa Sellu

2nd / 3rd Grade

In ELA we just wrapped up spooky descriptive writing about haunted houses they created. 3rd grade math is plunging their way through the multiplication unit. We wrapped up our geography and fossils unit and will be starting our big unit on local natives, while also throwing in some environmental education. Last week we went on a field trip to Laxson with

Mrs. Sellu's class, and the students had a blast watching the performers do flips and tricks. There wasn't a moment when the students weren't oohing and awing.

Kala Ulep

6th/7th/8th Grade

Middle School is getting into the groove of heightened curriculum and organizational skills required to success. Orion said today in regard to keeping up, "I feel like om finally getting it". This makes me so happy. A lot of the time and relentless consistency on the part of mu amazing partners and myself is required to make this happen. We are moving quickly across grade levels in our math progress. Students are excited about writing scary stories surrounding a theme of their choice. 6th grade History is entering Mesopotamia, an 7th/8th just started their debates. 7th/8th Science is studying matter, but with such depth, it's pretty amazing. We created molecules with toothpicks and marshmallows, and students had to "Teach the Teacher" about molecular structure with Google slides, presentation, and models. I'm getting ready to book our ice-skating field trip in November.

Michelle Jimenez

c. Facilities Report

Transformer fixed; Lights poles (front parking lot) not working; Jim Norman helped fix them.

d. Technology Report

Not enough Chrome books for all students.

e. Transportation Report

Second bus inspection next week.

f. Parent Teacher Partnership Report

PTP is changing monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Committees will be implemented to plan and work events.

10. Future Agenda Items

Curriculum and Instruction Policies

11. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16pm

