

**The Foote School PTC Minutes**  
**March 1, 2017**  
**3:15 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Amy Sudmyer (Co-President), Melissa Castleman (Co-President), Christine Pakutka (Secretary), Sandra Curren, Sumiya Khan, Donna Santomasso, Janice Dreier

**Welcome/Attendance:** Meeting called to order at 3:25 by Melissa.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve February 8, 2017 minutes by Melissa.

**Old Business**

**All School Social -Foote on Ice:** The Foote on Ice event was held on Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 5-7 pm. It was held at the Northford Ice Rink, produced a good turnout and was a lot of fun. The PTC would like to thank everyone who contributed items for the event's bake sale.

**Book Swap:** The book swap event took place in the Sturley Room located directly below the library. The event drew a lot of books and students enjoyed "shopping" for new books in exchange.

**New Business**

**Auction Planning:** Foote's auction, the PTC's largest fundraising event, will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. "Cirque de Foote", a sophisticated circus theme, has been selected for this year's event. Tickets are on sale now at the Foote website's auction page: <http://footeschool.org/auction2017>. All teachers/faculty receive a free ticket to attend the auction. The PTC is also seeking generous donors to sponsor a teacher for \$60 each.

The PTC meeting broke into two auction planning groups; procurement and decorating.

The procurement group generated a list of top items they are looking for. The list included:

- Restaurant gift cards
- Tickets to sporting events or attractions
- Unique experiences: cooking classes, music lessons, etc.
- Vacation homes

**School Reports:**

**Middle School Report: (Sent by Trevor Rosenthal)**

Sixth grade science classes have been researching the body systems. They have been making models and PowerPoint presentations. Students had a very successful math night

full of wonderful games. The fifth grade joined in and loved playing the games. In the Humanities classes, students have been continuing their country project creating a travel brochure and using the library to research a famous person from that country. In Art they have been working on creating a Japanese lamp. All French classes celebrated Mardi Gras with food, beads and fancy hats. EAG club is hosting a movie afternoon on Friday to see the Disney nature Film "Earth."

Seventh grade classes spearheaded a very successful toiletries drive for Sunrise Shelter in New Haven. In Latin class they have been making board games about culture, grammar and Roman History. Students are reading The Tempest in Humanities. The American Revolution unit is wrapping up with students creating political cartoons. In Chinese class students have been creating Chinese dollhouses and learning the vocabulary along with it. For the second year in a row, the seventh grade math classes have been conducting a 42 question "math-off" between classes. The Science classes are just beginning an Astronomy unit of study.

Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade winner of the National Geographic Bee, Sophie Volpe. She has qualified for the state competition which will begin on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is heading to Long Wharf Theatre to see "Napoli, Brooklyn." They are making "slime" in Science class. In Chinese they are learning appropriate manners and how to be courteous when visiting. Students are writing self-portrait poems. All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders just participated in the National Latin Exam and all language students participated in a poetry competition at Foote.

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy preparing for their trip to China and for their production of "Inherit the Wind." To prepare for their China trip, each student was assigned one of the places that they will be visiting. They created a postcard about the location and will act as a guide when visiting. They also learned some of the key travel phrases to help on the trip.

### **Lower School: Report by Donna Santomasso**

Kindergarten is well into their traditions unit which ties into the question "How do we grow and change?" Students and their families shared a special tradition with the class. They also have been busy in the Sacred Woods tapping the sacred maple trees. Students will have a pajama day and a pancake breakfast with Foote's own maple syrup. Jim Adams' class played Senet, an Ancient Egyptian board game. The name Senet translates to "The game of passing." Senet is one of the world's oldest known board games and is similar to Backgammon, Trouble and Sorry. Sally Nunnally's Spanish classes have been working to create menus. John Climie has been working with small reading groups in his class. Each group has a book with the Underground Railroad as a theme. The classes are making a quilt created by students to show a scene from the book they are reading.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15  
Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Pakutka, PTC Secretary

