

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

October 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 6:33pm

-In Attendance: Crystal Shields, Tiffany Geiger, Lindsay Gregg, Micael McGovern, Cara Flynn, Sam Weigle, Trisha Pearson, Jenn Jones, Erin Gosik, Michelle Hess, Christine Baker, Christine Hughes, Jamie Kopp, Melissa Reihart, Laurie Rineer, Courtney Smith.

Zoom: Jess Brandt, Andrea Nikolaus

Minutes from September:

-Changes: none

-Motion: Jamie Kopp, Crystal Shields

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern): Weis rewards check \$486.81 deposited. Spent money on: megaphone, Movie night, Teachers using their funds, purchased new refrigerator for faculty lounge to replace the water filter budget, saves us money in long run. Purchased popcorn machine for use at FPA events. Paid for Erie Insurance and bought an IPAD.

-Changes: none

-Motion: Crystal Shields, Christine Hughes

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson): Thank you to Erin Brossman for coordinating our Room Parents again this school year. These were recently announced just in time for fall celebrations. We held a Google Meet to review some new guidelines. Thank you for all who volunteered to be a Room Parent or be a part of the classroom committee.

We had another amazing Falcon Dash on Tuesday. Special thanks to Melissa Reihart and Laurie Rineer, along with all of the parent volunteers, who made this FUNdraiser a success.

One measure of success is of course raising funds to support the FPA budget. The most important measure of success is how much fun our students have participating in this event.

We are looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences next week. Thank you for attending conferences to learn specific information about your child from their teacher.

Thank you to all of your volunteerism. The faculty and staff appreciate working with you to make our school a great place for students!

Teacher's Input (Miss Weigle): All students and staff had a wonderful time at the Falcon Dash! Thank you to Melissa, Laurie, and Jennifer for planning and organizing the event. We appreciate all of the parent volunteers who joined us on Tuesday and helped along the way. Thank you to the Shields family for providing the staff with a yummy breakfast in September. Students are looking forward to the Book Fair in a few weeks. Thank you Erin for working with Mrs. Pearson to coordinate room parents. Teachers have been notified of who their room parent is. Students loved attending the outdoor movie and watching Elemental. Many are already looking forward to Trunk or Treat! Thank you for your continued support of Farmdale.

SPAC Report (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern): New communications director, no date for first meeting.

Reports of Committees:

Recurring Committees:

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): With the exception of one room, Room Parents have been selected and notified of their positions. Room Parent Guidelines have been updated and shared. Mrs. Pearson and I held a zoom meeting last week with Room Parents to discuss updated guidelines and to answer questions. I will follow-up with an email for those Room Parents who were unable to attend. Crystal is working on classroom volunteer lists which will be shared with Room Parents as they are ready.

-Volunteer Coordinator (Crystal Shields): Volunteer list is complete, includes clearances, emails and phone numbers.

-Sunshine Committee (Crystal Shields): September event was before staff meeting, \$200 was donated. And October and November are covered. Waiting to hear back about how much the cost would be to always stock the faculty lounge concession table, chips, snacks, seltzers and sodas, candy.

-Sculpture Garden (Crystal Shields): none

-Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): none

-Falcon Cart (Tiffany Geiger): Next cart will be the end of October. Items have been selected by age range, trying to pick out nicer items.

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker): In need of weeding, need to move the pots into the shed over the winter.

-Professional Recognition (Andrea Carbo): Lunch from Carusos was provided for the custodians on October 2nd for Custodian Appreciation Day.

-Family Engagement Committee (Lindsay Gregg): Falcon shirts, working with Sharon and Alicia to create a welcome letter from the FPA to explain who we are and what we do and the events we hold. Welcome new families coming to Farmdale throughout the year and asking if they would like to be paired with a seasoned famdale family to introduce them to our events. Melissa to contribute Falcon dash tattoos and bracelets.

Fall Committees:

-Family Movie Night (Lindsay Gregg): 9/15 Movie selected was Elemental, Kona Ice and Blazin J's Chicken (sold out) food trucks attended. FPA provided free cotton candy and popcorn, Kona Ice gave us a check for \$160. 200ish people attended.

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): 10/10 \$37,187 record breaking. Going to make some changes for next year, communication issues, volunteer sign up, will be adding a few branches of volunteering for stay at home moms or anyone that can't physically come in during the day to volunteer but still want to help, they can do fliers etc from home. 90 envelopes were submitted so far, over \$2000 raised from primarily unregistered kiddos. The raffle will be Monday and students will bring home the gift certificate. Assembly for the Prismatic Magic show, \$1200 for two assemblies, discussing assembly dates and Mrs. Pearson will figure out the times. Anyone missing a medal, a movie basket, shirts will get them this week. Discussing spectators having clearances to view the Dash next year.

-Trunk or Treat (Lindsay Gregg): 10/29 free hot dogs and popcorn, need volunteers for parking, popcorn and hot dogs concession. Free candy to any teachers who decorate their trunk.

-Fall Book Fair (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): 10/30-11/3 Teachers are picking their shopping dates/ times and Sharon will pass on that info when it's ready. Set up is on Friday Oct 27 from 9-12:00 and tear down will be Nov 3rd 10:30-12:00. 3 volunteers minimum each morning and afternoon session and then 4 minimum for the evening.

Might change the evening family shopping date. \$200 scholastic dollars per classroom teacher, 28 total.

-FES Discount Cards (Crystal Shields) starting to go to the businesses that were on the card in previous years and seeing who wants to participate again.

-Staff Appreciation Fall (Tiffany Geiger): October 18 teacher conference meal, soup and sandwiches.

-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop (Christine Hughes): NEW DATE IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. Crafts selected are: Wooden gnome ornaments, foam roses, video game controller foam frame, Hawaiian flower bracelet & beaded heart ornament. FREE CRAFT(S) for all students is being finalized. VOLUNTEERS: SignUpGenius going out within the next week to last year's volunteers and additional families once volunteer list available. VENDORS: Last year's vendors contacted and invited, but looking for more! TEACHERS/STAFF are being offered free crafts again! FLYERS for folders approved, translation to Spanish in progress. NEW THIS YEAR: Using a QR code on tables to have parents take a post-event survey for feedback.

-Winter Spiritwear (Cara Flynn): 11/1-11/14 Adding some new Farmdale logos this year and updating the Hempfield logos since ALL have changed, possibly need to look into the approved logos to see how this will effect 6th/kinder t shirts.

Spring Committees:

-Family Fun Night (Lindsay Gregg): 2/15

-6th Grade T-Shirts (Cara Flynn): Hempfield logos changed, picked new logo with Miss Weigle.

-Kindergarten T-Shirts (Courtney Smith/Erin Gosik): putting together an email for the kindergarten teachers to introduce myself and get feedback discuss ideas.

-Yearbook (Erin Gosik): Due end of March

-Spring Spiritwear (Cara Flynn): 4/1- 4/15 none

-FPA Family Dance (Aubrey Day): 4/5 none

-Festival (Jamie Kopp): 5/3 none

-Festival Auction (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): 5/3 none

-Staff Appreciation Spring (Tiffany Geiger): none

-FES Scholarship (Micael McGovern): none

-Spring Book Fair (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): 5/6 - 5/10 none

-Hershey Park Tickets (Crystal Shields): none

New Business:

Announcements:

Conclusion:

Round Table: Melissa and Tiffany, shed has gaga pit mats that need to be touched up.
Cara: Dad Security committee. Melissa Lunch procedures, time to sit and eat.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 8:28

Gift Card Raffle winner: Jenn Jones Starbucks

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023