

## Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 6:31pm

In Attendance: Lindsay, Micael, Aubrey, Melissa, Crystal, Erin G., Erin B., Pam, Cara, Christine, Mrs. Pearson, Miss. Weigle, Jess, Tiffany

Welcome and introductions:

Minutes from: November 10, 2022

Changes: None- Will bring to March meeting

Motion: N/A

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern): A lot has happened since Dec. The big items deposited were the race, bookfair, and holiday craft night.

Changes: Crystal S.

Motion: Aubrey D.

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson): We appreciate the support of the FPA with our Be the One schoolwide plan. We continue to use Fish Tickets and the Falcon Cart as positive reinforcement. We are also holding monthly Falcon Friday assemblies to recognize our Students of the Month (one student per class K-6) who receive a gift card to Barnes and Noble and their picture is published on school social media. We are also tying in our work with Second Step, our social-emotional curriculum, during the Falcon Friday assemblies.

During the month of February we are focusing on the power of our words and actions. We are encouraging the spread of kindness through class random acts of kindness for others in the building. We are also encouraging students to write letters of thanks to faculty and staff. We are having kindness spirit days and incorporating morning announcements relating to kindness.

Teacher's Input (Ms. Weigle): Student of the month gets a \$10 gift card from B&N. Thank you for our monthly snack and the holiday breakfast and raffle, it was great. The Snowman jar-students had fun guessing. Kids are excited for math night. Thank you for the continued support.

SPAC Report: (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern): We have two meetings coming up, the next one is Feb 23rd. If you have anything you would like us to voice at the meeting please let Micael or Andrea know.

**Old Business:** No old business at this time

**New Business:**

-FES Scholarship (Micael McGovern): We voted on the question for this year's scholarship: In today's society where we post before we think of the repercussion of our words. Where we don't pause to consider our actions when dealing with classmates or society. In 300-500 words, what advice do you give Farmdale students when entering the world of social media, cancel culture, and/or middle school?

The students must meet several requirements and answer the essay to be considered for the FES Scholarship. There will be two, \$500 scholarships offered through the high school.

-Festival Auction (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): submitted about 350 requests with 19 items confirmed. Herr's potato chips offered a discount on individual chip bags, maybe this would be good for the festival.

-Festival (Jamie Kopp): No Update

-Field Day Coordinator (Melissa Reihart): No Update

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): Kona ice truck, 4/21. More details to come.

-Spiritwear (Cara Flynn):No Update

-Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): Mrs. Pearson will check to see if we need any replenishments.

-Falcon Cart (Aubrey Day): All is good. Kids are liking the cart. Older kids get to pick first.

-VIP Dance (Aubrey Day): Decorations are in, sign up genius will be going out next week. There are deposits on cotton candy and snow cone machines. DJ is booked.

-Spring Book Fair (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): No Update

-Professional Recognition (Christina Hance): No Update

-Hershey Park (Christina Hance): Waiting on a pamphlet that will be sent to the school.

-6th Grade T-Shirts (Christina Hance):No Update

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): celebrations are going well. Room parents are needed for field day for grades 1-5. Request to increase the budget of \$5 per student for next year. Golden Rule has to be to hold the \$ for the end-of-year picnic and then utilize donations for all other activities.

-Sunshine Committee (Crystal Shields): March & May are open

-Volunteer Coordinator (Crystal Shields): Systems are up to date. Emails are being blocked when using the system vs the gmail account.

-Sculpture Garden (Crystal Shields):working with a new brick company. Will be sending out updated forms to buy bricks. We will be able to buy bricks individually instead of having 10 at a time.

-Yearbook ( Erin Gosik):Currently working on the yearbook with Alicia in the front office. Lifetouch is sending out emails to order yearbooks so you can either order directly with Lifetouch or you can wait until an order form is sent home in the Thursday folder, closer to March/April.

-Staff Appreciation (Tiffany Geiger): Lunch will be 2/21. May need some help with set up and clean up. Not much in donations is needed. An email will be going out about the lunch and what is needed.

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker): No Update

-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop (Christine Hughes): 115 families that ordered 545 crafts. Quite a few families bought crafts there instead of pre-order. Vendors donated items for the festival. We had 22 vendors.

-Cafeteria volunteers (Eric Miller): This is on pause, we don't need any right now.

### **Board Update:**

Elementary FPA/PTO Collaboration: Will take place next February 15th at 6:00pm at the East Petersburg Borough building. This will be a time for us to hear from other Elementary PTO's in the district and share the great things we have going on at Farmdale. No need to register. See flier attached to today's email for more info.

Open board positions for 2023/2024 School Year: Vice President

Chair Positions: We would like to start planning now for any chair positions that will be open for next school year. Please let Lindsay know if you will not be chairing next year.

Round Table: invite and encourage other parents to the FPA meetings to help gain more volunteers. Crystal: there are 24 students of the month for each month.

Aubrey: end of year picnics - you can do a sign-up genius for gift cards and then use the money for whatever you need for the event. Micael: Falcon Cart - how do you encourage the kids to spend their money monthly? We have 6th grade helpers to help the younger kids spend. Some grades push the kids to spend all of their money. Maybe look at mystery bags? Christine: Sunshine Committee - all donations are completely filled. Can we mix it up so more people can donate or can we streamline this a little more? Erin Brossman: BizTown was awesome for the 6th graders. Melissa: The dash newsletter wasn't sent out this year so she is willing to do a newsletter about the FPA, end of year wrap up.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:52pm

Next Meeting: March 9th, FES Library