

## Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

September 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at: 6:37PM

Attendance: Lindsay Gregg, Erin Gosik, Mrs. Pearson, Miss Weigle, Tiffany Geiger, James Geiger, Jess Brandt, Pam Swan, Courtney, Suzie Trego, Julia Anderson, Crystal Shields, Micael McGovern, Aubrey Day, Cara Flynn, Andrea Nickolas, Erin Brossman, Christine Baker, Sara Holton, Christine Hughes, Nichole Richard, Jen Madonna, Melissa Reihart, Laurie Rineer, Jamie Kopp

Minutes from: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Changes: N/A

Motion: Cara Flynn & Crystal Shields

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern): Paid teacher reimbursements, prepping for prizes on the falcon dash, supplied water and coffee for the teacher lounge & pencil boxes and tote bags for the kiddos. Some teachers haven't cashed their checks or lost them. West Hempfield Fire Dept hasn't cashed their check. Budget for 2022-2023 is finalized and there is a new line item for generalized categories (anything that isn't specific).

Changes: N/A

Motion: Cara Flynn & James Geiger

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson): Mrs. Pearson shared information about the opening of the new school year which she feels has gone very smoothly. As part of Title 1, a federally funded reading support program, schools complete a Family and Parent Engagement Policy. Mrs. Pearson shared a summary of information from the policy relating to the involvement of families in their child's academic and school experience.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Teacher's Input (Ms. Weigle): Miss Weigle send updates to the staff. Coordinates monthly lunches for the staff. A special thank you to Melissa for the Falcon Dash, the students are excited for the prizes, etc. We also Love the spirit days.

SPAC Report: (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern): No report yet, will reach out to see if there is anything for November. SPAC stands for Superintendent Advisory Council. The SPAC committee is the voice for Farmdale and to see what is going on in the district. Quarterly meetings. This is a time to share positive info and complaints if necessary.

**Old Business:** Nothing pending from last year

**New Business:**

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): The dash will be held on 9/30 with a 10/7 rain date. Students and staff are encouraged to walk or run the path around the school. Spectators can watch, stay tuned for more information. Still looking for volunteers, need to have clearances, looking for volunteers from 9am-3pm. So far, we have raised \$23,363 – goal was \$19,000. Because we surpassed the goal, Mrs. Jay will become a human spider web & Mrs Reisinger will eat a dried tarantula. Mrs. Pearson will do something fun at the end of the event. Capes hanging on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, may move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We have raised enough money for the T-shirts. Several Sponsors paid full amounts to help support the kids and the school. If each class reaches \$750, the Kona ice truck will come to the school. Assembly will also come. Collecting \$ until 10/7. Kids that do the full 5K will get a medal (6 rounds around the school).

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): Each classroom gets a parent to help with donations, plan and organize picnics, parties, etc. Erin is working on who each room parent will be. Erin will also have a room parent kick-off document with guidelines and a meeting to explain the process. Any feedback or ideas, let Erin know.

-Sunshine Committee (Crystal Shields): once a month, bring a treat in for the staff. Surprise! Crystal will create a sign-up genius so multiple families can coordinate for each month. September and October are filled.

-Yearbook ( Erin Gosik): Picture day is next Wednesday! Order your pictures soon though Lifetouch.com or with the order form that was sent home in the Thursday folders.

-Festival (Jamie Kopp): nothing yet, looking to have the festival in May

-Festival Auction (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): nothing yet, after the new year will start working on getting vendors/donations

-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop (Christine Hughes): This year's event will be Thursday, December 8th. Like last year, the event will include crafts and a holiday shop as well as vendors. All vendors from last year will be contacted about participating again using the email/phone provided for the 2021 event. If you know of any businesses who may be interested in participating as a vendor this year, please send their contact info to Christine Hughes at [Farmdale.FPA.HolidayNight@gmail.com](mailto:Farmdale.FPA.HolidayNight@gmail.com).

-Staff Appreciation (Tiffany Geiger): Staff appreciation offers a meal at conference time and lunches throughout the school year. The first staff appreciation meal is during conferences on 10/18.

-Volunteer Coordinator (Crystal Shields): Going through forms to get all of the volunteers figured out. There is new software to coordinate so it's taking a little bit extra time, but next year should be good to go. You can email right from the software. There is also a portal to sign in to gain access and monthly newsletter capabilities (store to sell tickets, spiritwear, etc.)

-Falcon Cart (Aubrey Day): working on getting supplies, trying to get dates together for the year

-VIP Dance (Aubrey Day): supplies are coming in. Double everything except chips. Looking at 3/24 for the date, 6-8PM.

-Fall Book Fair (Aubrey Day): Fall book fair will be November 1-4, set up 10/31, Aubrey will reach out to volunteers. No theme this year so we are going to piggyback off of falcon dash with the superheroes theme. No date for spring book fair yet. Usually March or April.

-Hershey Park (Christina Hance): No update. More information to come further in the year.

-6th Grade T-Shirts (Christina Hance): No update. More information to come further in the year.

-Professional Recognition (Christina Hance): First recognition is scheduled for the beginning of October for school custodian recognition day. We will be providing lunch for the custodians.

-FES Scholarship (Micael McGovern): Spring of 2023 – 2 scholarships \$500 each. The school counselor should fill out the form and each student applying must write an essay. The subject of the essay is to be determined. Applicants must have been a student of Farmdale for 4 years.

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker): We planted pots and are maintaining them through the fall. We planted flowers around the falcon with the help of Jones Landscaping. We are trying to figure out how to water during the summer to keep the plants alive. Might do a weeding day in the fall.

-Field Day Coordinator (Melissa Reihart): No update, will be at the end of the year with Bernhardt

-Spiritwear (Cara Flynn): Cara handed out new logo ideas and the offerings for Fall. Spiritwear will go live 10/4 through 11/5.

Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): Kindergarten and first grade has activities instead of receiving these bags. Each grade made some requests on what is going into the recess bags. They will stay at the school. Cara will need help with assembling bags, then she will distribute.

### **Board Update:**

Google Docs- We will be saving paper and keeping documents on our google drive. Any documents that we need, I'll send in email so you have them electronically. Paper copies of the agendas, meeting minutes and the budget will be provided at each meeting.

Chair position email address: We are asking all chairs to create an email address specific for your chair position. This email will be passed down to the next chair after you..If you need assistance creating this gmail, please let Lindsay know. Once the email is created, please update the FPA contact list so we can share this with families.

Facebook: All FPA chairs will be given access to posting on the FPA facebook page. This way, all chairs can post about your chaired event/activity. Please be mindful of what profile you are using and make sure to keep your personal posts on your personal profile.

Round Table:

Lindsay – loving class dojo, reminder app.

James – other activity ideas: fall pumpkin festival - get pumpkins donated & Fall food truck festival to help them get and donate money to the school, also look at having a CPR class. We are also guessing the giant pumpkin weight on 10/24-26, Announcement and parent pick up will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Trunk or treat will also be happening on Saturday 10/29.

Julia – our family loved Zumba night. we should have more more events like this

Crystal – We need volunteers to organize and pick up lunch, monthly on a Thursday (11am pick-up, deliver by 11:30am). Discount card – switching to a new company to make the cards. Still working on getting more people to be contributors on the discount card. We will look at selling them during the holidays.

Sculpture garden – bricks, looking for a new company to engrave the bricks.

Looking for a company that will engrave a smaller amount, less than 10 bricks.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:59 PM

Next Meeting: October 13th at 6:30, FES Library