

# **Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda**

**March 13, 2025**

**Meeting called to order at: 6:34**

**-In Attendance:** Lindsay Gregg, Jamie Kopp, Athene Gross, Jess Brandt, Pam Swan, Fromy Rivera

**Review minutes from February 2025:**

-Changes: none

-Motion: Jamie and Lindsay

## **Reports of Officers:**

**Board Report** (Erin Gosik, Christine Hughes, Micael McGovern, & Cara Flynn):

**Treasurer's Report** (Micael McGovern): reimbursements are always happening, paid for zoom subscription and getting our small games of chance license, cancelling one of our insurance policies, paid for Bingo Night.

-Changes: none

-Motion: Jess and Fromy

**Principal's Input** (Mrs. Pearson):

Thank you for your continued support of our students, faculty and staff. Our school team continues to work together to create a positive school experience. Through our monthly Falcon Friday all school assemblies and grade level Mini Meets, we have addressed important topics to help address social emotional and behavioral needs. We have a busy remainder of the year with many educational and school spirit activities. Continue to remain connected with the classroom teachers, through their electronic newsletters, so you are aware of these events.

**Teacher's Input** (Miss Weigle):

Thank you for all you do! Staff have received emails about signing up for the Dinner and a Show event (to participate or be in the audience). A sign-up for teacher experiences has

also been shared and there are currently 7 staff members willing to provide an experience to students. Sixth grade t-shirt sizes have been entered into the spreadsheet and this was shared with Erin. One of our staff members asked me to pass along the following message: If the FPA has events where they could really use more hands, the high school has a number of student groups who need to get in volunteer hours. Just wanted to make sure FPA knows this is an option if they need help! Thank you for another great Falcon Cart and continuing to provide thoughtful snacks for the Sunshine Committee!

**SPAC Report** (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern): The next SPAC Meeting is April 15, 2025. There will be a townhall at the PAC on April 2 @ 6:30pm to discuss the new high school building changes.

### **Reports of Committees:**

#### **Recurring Committees:**

**-Room Parents** (Erin Brossman): none

**-Volunteer Coordinator** (Erin Gosik/Board): no update

**-Sunshine Committee** (Cara Flynn): The March donation was TODAY, the theme was RAINBOW TREATS, it looked amazing. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful community of Farmdale families to support our staff. We are still looking for a volunteer for April.

**-Sculpture Garden** (Crystal Shields): no update

**-Indoor Recess Bags** (Cara Flynn/Alix Hemerly): no update

**-Falcon Cart** (Tiffany Geiger): Falcon Cart was last week, parents were chosen from each grade to help run the cart before school each day, everything went smoothly.

**-Falcon Garden** (Christine Baker/Lauren Duff): Spring has sprung in the Falcon Garden! This week we picked up trash, cut away dead growth and started pulling weeds. We're

excited to see our tulips coming up! The office is passing along the reminder to teachers to keep students out of the mulch as new flowers are starting to grow. Flowers will be planted in the entryway planters before the Dinner and A Show event in two weeks. Spring and summer weeding dates will be scheduled and posted on the FPA Facebook page to recruit some volunteers.

**-Professional Recognition** (Andr a Bria-Carbo): National School Social Worker Week was last week and we celebrated Aleda Risser with a gift card and her favorite, chocolate.

**-Family Engagement** (Lindsay Gregg): no update

**-FES Discount Cards** (Crystal Shields/Alix  Hemerly in 25-26): The online form is posted on our Facebook page pinned at the top, they are still for sale.

### **Spring Committees:**

**-Bingo Night 2/13** (Lindsay Gregg): The event was very successful. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the event successful!

**-6th Grade T-Shirts** (Erin Gosik): working on these, names have been submitted and designs are being made, waiting for proofs and have received the quote for these.

**-Kindergarten T-Shirts** (Courtney Smith/Erin Gosik): Collected most of our signatures, still missing a few, Athene is doing the artwork for us this year.

**-Yearbook** (Erin Gosik): Working on the yearbook now with Athene, the district is making some changes this year, everything is going smoothly.

**-Spring Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): Spring spirit store will open online April 1-15. New kindergarten mom Susan is interested in taking on this committee role.

**-Dinner and a Show** (Lindsay Gregg) - **3/28/25**: We're looking for lots of volunteers—everyone who helps during the event will receive free tickets for themselves and their immediate family. We're also in need of baked goods. Sign-ups went out today via email and are available on the FPA Facebook page. Ticket sales will run through 3/21st. It is strongly encouraged to purchase your tickets in advance, as there is no guarantee that tickets will be available for sale at the door. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door

**-Staff Appreciation Spring** (Tiffany Geiger): Next event will be April 1st

**-Hershey Park Tickets** (Crystal Shields): Fliers will go home in April, tickets will be \$48 each and sent home the second week of May.

**-Spring Book Fair, 4/7 - 4/9** (Andr a Bria-Carbo/Kellan Kernisky): One book One School, evening shopping 6-7:30, ordering extra books, we are upgraded to the bigger book fair package to make sure we have a lot of stock for the evening shopping. Scholastic will be trialing with us to include classic novels and creative titles. A sign up genius will go out for volunteer slots.

**-Festival, 5/2/25** (Jamie Kopp): Concerned about parking, bounces are booked, the rock wall is booked. Working on a dunk tank replacement. Looking at a balloon artist. Will be doing face painting, no hair tinsel. Will touch base privately to discuss details.

**-Festival Auction, 5/2/25** (Jess Brandt and Pam Swan): To date, I have asked for 423 donations, 37 have declined, and 71 have donated. We are off to a great start! Flyers went home last month asking families for donations, we received nothing from this, which is discouraging. Grade basket letters will hopefully go home next week. We were approached by the Merchandiser to complete an interview about the auction, hopefully this will help with promoting the event.

**-FES Scholarship** (Micael McGovern): The scholarship is posted and promoted in the high school. We are offering one \$500 Farmdale scholarship to one graduating Farmdale senior.

### **New Business:**

### **Announcements:**

**We will have the following positions open for the 2025-2026 school year.**

- **Board: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary**

These positions will be voted on in May at the last meeting. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these positions, please reach out to either Erin or Christine to get more information. Each position is expected to be a 2-year term with the Vice President moving right into the President position so this would ultimately be a 4 year term. Volunteer clearances are needed for these board positions.

- **Committee Chairs:**

**Chairs for: Hershey Park tickets, Sculpture Garden & Spiritwear**

**Co-Chair for: Movie Night (co-chair)**

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please reach out to Erin or Christine to get more information. Volunteer clearances are recommended for these positions, but not mandatory for all.

### **Conclusion:**

### **Round Table:**

Jess Brandt - While asking for donations, Rita's in Mount Joy inquired about being a food vendor at the festival they offered to donate a portion of each cup sold back to the school. Jamie already has an Italian ice/ice cream vendor for the festival, so Rita's asked me to pass along their info to anyone who might want it for future events at Farmdale:

Owner/Operator: Natalie Nagy

Email: [ritas.mountjoypa@gmail.com](mailto:ritas.mountjoypa@gmail.com)

Phone: 717-653-0567

I also contacted Lancaster Sweet Shoppe for a donation. They are unable to donate, however they can sell us their Stroopies and Coffee at wholesale cost. I wasn't sure if this would be something we could do for teachers?

Another business I contacted was Herr's chips. They cannot donate but have offered us discounted individual chip bags (maximum 10 cases). Last year we used these for class picnics and such.

### **Adjournment:**

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:45

**Next Meeting:** April 12, 2025