

Farmdale FPA Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at: 6:37pm

Attendance: Lindsay Gregg, Crystal Shields, Tiffany Geiger, Christina Hance, Samantha Weigle, Pam Swan, Aubrey Day, Lori Safstrom, Erin Gosik, Holly Gladfeler, Jamie Kopp, Jessica Brandt, Laurie Rineer, Andrea Nikolaus, Micael McGovern

Minutes from: May 17th, 2021

Changes: none

Motion: Micael McGovern and Erin Gosik

Treasurer's Report (Crystal Shields)

Changes: none

Motion: Micael McGovern and Aubrey Day

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson): Although the new school year has brought some changes, the faculty, staff and I are handling all of these together with a positive mindset. We are all focused on doing what is best for the students and making their school experience positive. I am proud of them for their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Your children are in good hands.

If you attended Back to School Night, you saw the PowerPoint I created and heard me explain in detail about our Be the One schoolwide theme. We are encouraging our students to Be the One by being safe, respectful and responsible. We model these expectations, practice them with students, recognize and praise them, and through Fish Tickets and Golden Fish Tickets, we reward them. We will be celebrating students at our monthly Falcon Fridays held during grade level lunches. We will also celebrate with them Mystery Bags for every 10 Fish tickets that they earn. All of this is possible thanks to the FPA funding. We will continue to find ways to celebrate our students using the Student Incentive funds provided by the FPA.

The last thing I would like to share deals with open communication. Teachers will be using email as the main form of communication with students' families. It is important to make sure active email addresses are in Power School, our Student Information System. If a family is not receiving email communications from the teacher, let them know. School communication will come in the form of Friday 4:00 eNews sent directly to the subscribers, those who sign up on the school district website. As questions and concerns should arise, please reach out to your child's teacher. If more discussion is needed, reach out to Mrs. Bair (academic), Mrs. DeArment (social/emotional), or myself. The faculty works together at Farmdale...All students, All together, All the time. When home and school remain in communication and work together our students benefit. Thank you for your continued support!

Teacher's Input (Ms. Weigle): I am happy to be back for a third year as the faculty representative! This is such a great opportunity to see all of the amazing things the FPA does for the faculty, students and Farmdale community. After our meetings, I share important information with the faculty and staff. As we get our new school year started, I wanted to thank you for your unwavering support. We greatly appreciate everything you do for the teachers and families. The staff is grateful for the new, fancy water cooler in the faculty room. The breakfast that was brought in during our in-service was delicious! Thank you Melissa for coming in before the school year started to decorate the beautiful bulletin boards in the Lobby. I enjoy walking by them each morning. I look forward to working with you all again this school year and cannot thank you enough for everything you do!

SPAC Report: (Andrea Nikolaus): No update. Waiting to hear of the first meeting date.

This is an open position for this year, please reach out to Lindsay if you would be interested or need some further information.

Old Business: Nothing pending from last year

New Business:

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): The Farmdale Falcon Dash for Education will be held on October 8th, with a rain date scheduled for October 15th, if needed. The kick off date will be September 9th. A packet of information will be sent home in the student's Thursday folders. Due to the effects of COVID regulations and the uncertainty of the future, the board has increased the budget for this event, in an attempt to ensure the ability to continue providing the services and educational programs in the future. The goal this year is \$16,000, with the hope that we can raise over and above like previous years. Please look for the packet of information that outlines the Dash, the amazing prizes and the fun special days and grand prize for hitting our goal. There will also be additional grand prizes once the goal has been met, as we have had previously. This is a fun, healthy event that the students and teachers look forward to every year! Any questions, please contact Melissa Reihrt at mjankrum@aol.com.

Falcon Dash Continued (Laurie Rineer): Paperwork went home today in the Thursday folder. We raised \$2400 from businesses so far. We sent a video clip to Mrs. Pearson to share with the students about the kick off.

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): There is no update as of now. Waiting on all of the FPA forms to be returned, and then a list of interested parents can be organized.

-Sunshine Committee (Erin Gosik): We have the months of September, October, and November scheduled with volunteers. As soon as the volunteer paperwork is handed out, I will reach out to all of the parents and have the other months filled. This is a monthly special treat (does not have

to be edible) for the Farmdale Staff. Please remember nothing homemade at this time. If you are interested in volunteering to provide a monthly treat, please contact Erin at egosik0912@gmail.com.

-Yearbook (Erin Gosik): No update on the yearbook until after the pictures are taken. I plan on being at the school for the Falcon Dash to take some pictures as well as taking some at arrival in the morning. I will also plan to come in and take some candid shots. If you have pictures you would like considered for the yearbook, please submit them to Farmdaleyearbook@yahoo.com

-Festival (Jamie Kopp): No update at this time

-Festival Auction (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): Planning to meet with Melissa for guidance.

-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop (Cara Flynn): Working hard to plan this event. Cara has chosen some great crafts for the Craft night and is working on details. Cara is also waiting for a date for this event from Mrs. Pearson. Currently working on the flyer/ order form for the craft night.

Looking for two people to shadow this committee this year to take over for next year.

-Staff Appreciation (Cara Flynn): Cara is working on these events. We are waiting for specific dates from Mrs. Pearson.

-Volunteer Coordinator (Veronica Pilon): An updated list of volunteers/ room parents will be out by Friday of next week.

-Box Tops (Holly Gladfelter): Goal is \$500- please scan your receipts while food shopping thru the app. To raise money for the school. Tell family members and friends.

-Falcon Cart (Aubrey Day): The Falcon Cart is happening this year. The mystery bags will be used for the first half of the year, and then will discuss what will be done and how handled for the 2nd half of the year.

-VIP Dance: Open Position. We have received interest in this position and at this point we are waiting to receive all of the volunteer forms back. Please reach out to Lindsay if you would like to be a part of this committee or the chair. Chairperson will be announced in October.

-Hershey Park (Laurie Rineer): No update

-6th Grade T-Shirts (Lori Safstrom): I have spoken with Sue Forry, who encouraged me to connect with my son's 6th grade teacher, Ms. Weigle. Sue also shared with me the name of the T-shirt company we worked with last year. I will work with the 6th grade teachers to gather names and start the process of the shirts in January.

-FES Scholarship (Micael McGovern): no updates. We did receive a thank you from last year's winner.

-Falcon Garden: Open Position. We have received interest in this position and at this point we are waiting to receive all of the volunteer forms back. This is a brand new committee this year. This committee will focus on beautifying the front of the school with plants purchased by the FPA. Please reach out to Lindsay if you would like to be a part of this committee or the chair. Chairperson will be announced in October.

-Field Day Coordinator: This is an open position for this year, please reach out to Lindsay if you would be interested or need further information. Chairperson will be announced in October.

-Spiritwear (Lindsay Gregg)- I am in conversation with a few different business that could become our Spirit Wear supplier as the one we used last year would like to decrease our selection to only six options. This is due to a supply issue. Hoping to use the same company that we use for 6th grade shirts.

Board Update: All chairs are being provided with a binder. This is yours to keep all of your event/chair information in. The idea is that once you are no longer chairing this event, this binder will be passed to the next chair with all of the updated information on the event and what you found to be helpful.

Please be sure to have all committee updates to Christina Hance at girlsmommy1168@aol.com by the Monday before the Board meeting each month, so it gives her time to type it up and hand it in for approval.

Round Table: Crystal Shields- Treasurer: We have special accounts set up for purchases that are entitled to bulk pricing and tax exempt. If you need help or need to purchase, please reach out to me prior to ensure that we receive the best price.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:49pm

Next Meeting: October 14th at 6:30, FES Library or on Zoom