

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda
April 17, 2019

Attended: Tiffany Kemmler, Crystal Shields, Laurie Rineer, Holly Gladfelter, Lindsay Gregg, Micael McGovern, Crystal Higgs, Trisha Pearson, Terri Meyer, Johanna Kreibick, Kristen Nikolaus, Elise Kopenhaver

Meeting called to order at: 6:39pm

Minutes from: March 7, 2019

Changes: None

Motion: Crystal Shields motioned and Holly Glatfelter seconded

Treasurer's Report (Crystal Shields): We have everything up to date on the report. The money for Scholastic has been in and deposited but the check is not going out until tomorrow from the book fair. We paid for the SPARKS Foundation from the assembly in March and the Russian Dancers and a lot of field trip expenses are coming in. I do have a copy of the bank statement, in case anyone wants to take a look at it. If we can have the teacher re-imburements submitted, that would be great. The box tops check also didn't come in yet.

Changes: None

Motion: Tiffany Kemmler motioned and Holly Glatfelter seconded

Principal's Input: (Mrs. Pearson): First, thank you for funding the Read Around The World- it was successful and positive! We saw some new faces and it was neat to highlight some of the diverse cultures that we have in the building. It was neat to have the children realize that we can travel through books and not necessarily need to physically travel. We had our first and second grade concerts and it was wonderful. Third and fourth grade concerts are next week, the 25th. We have Field Day is coming out in May- the dates are different but the dates have been updated on E-News. Greg and I talked about a change- the last couple of years have fallen on hot days. We are bringing in a station into the one end of the gym. Parents are still welcome but precautions are going to be made. We won't have the sign in sheet for parents this year since there really isn't a purpose for that. We are currently in the throws of PSSAs. The students are doing an amazing job! End of the year picnics- we have been eliminating food during class parties due to allergies. We need to be super careful since a lot of our students have various allergies to foods. With all that being said, we are still allowing food to be part of the end of the year picnics. We have a new contractor for lawncare and we have requested that they not mow the day of or before the festival. We have a new staff member- TJ Hanze. Mr Good retired in February. Mr. Hanze is from NY and has children here at Farmdale. He is the facilities manager at a church in NY and will be able to begin in May. We are starting to think about new and exciting things for next school year- we are excited for what next year has in store!

Teacher's Input: (Mrs. Kopenhaver) A thank you from Jen Baer for the support and funds for the Read Around the World Night - it was a successful and enjoyable evening!

Also, a request from 2nd grade was made for one more Falcon Cart in June to spend the rest of their cool cash. I told them I would bring it up for discussion. (The board suggested that there be one day in June that the cart goes through the whole building to have kids cash in their tickets)

SPAC Report: notes from 4/16/19: The SPAC meeting was last night. They discussed feasibility, enrollment and attendance areas of study. There is going to be a third party walking through the schools to look at everything to see if everything makes sense with enrollment. No changes will be put into effect until at least the '20-'21 school year. Another point of discussion was lead testing. All of our schools will be tested for lead. Another bullet point was "Safe to Say Something". In January, this anonymous recording system that the state requires started. It is supposed to be an App where people can feel safe to report anything (threats, etc). They are going to present this to 7th -12th grades so they have somewhere safe to report anything that they feel is necessary to bring to someone's attention. We also discussed the district website. In August, they will be re-vamping it for the first time in 5 years so it will probably be looking different!

Old Business:

-Book Fair- Here are the numbers for the Spring book fair to report. This year Scholastic changed their bonus from 10% to 15% and started giving \$5 per teacher in gift certificates. Our sales also went up over \$2,000. Because of these Scholastic incentive changes and increased sales, we were able to earn \$2,176.47 for our school through the Scholastic dollars, gift certificates, All for books and BOGO savings. Last spring, we earned only \$635.95 Scholastic.

The \$1,509.39 Scholastic dollars will expire in 6 months. Aubrey and I are planning to go to the warehouse sale to stock up on books for Falcon cart but I'm sure there will be money left to spend in other areas.

Spring 2019	
Sales	\$8,395.93
Scholastic Dollars	\$1,259.39
Scholastic Dollar Bonus	\$250.00
Total Scholastic \$ Earned	\$1,509.39
Teacher Gift Certificates	\$261.94
BOGO Bonus	\$261.94
All for Books	\$71.60
All for Books	\$71.60
Total Teacher Books	\$667.08
Total	\$2,176.47
BOGO Book Discount	\$6,351.28
Spring 2018	
Sales	\$6,109.54
Scholastic Reward	\$635.95

-Hershey Park Tickets- Sold 221 admission tickets for \$7,281.94. Will be getting 22 free tickets as a result. Total profit on ticket sales is approximately \$895. We sold 43 meal tickets. We mailed everything out 3-27. As of today, we have not gotten them back to sort through and distribute.

-Family Fun Night- Mrs. Pearson kept the final count for attendance. But we had 60 rsvp and we had most of those in attendance as well as some that didn't rsvp that we were able to provide jar projects too. We had a good turnout. The presentation was engaging for the kids and parents and was COOL. The families really did a great job working together on the rainbow jars afterward and while some didn't layer as they should, everyone seemed to enjoy the project. Looking forward to a great family fun night next year.

-Room Parent - Thank you to all room parents for their help with the festival and securing volunteers. Please note: it is time to request your room parent funds. Please ask for a form in the office. This should be done sooner than later. Thank you.

-Box Tops- Coordinators just got an email yesterday explaining that Box Tops are going to be starting to go digital. The way they are showing it right now is starting June Box Tops are only going to be credited after scanning a receipt for the products that contain them. The clipped ones are still able to be used until they expire. At the moment, only the person who purchased the product is able to scan the receipt and no one else as we are limited to the amount of receipts that can be submitted. They haven't released new information on how to go about this yet. I can see this posing a problem with the fact of collection, contests, and funds in general from the Box Tops. I will of course keep updates as I get them and let you know what is going on. I should be able to make the next meeting and might have more information by then. There has been an outcry from other schools in the groups I'm involved in so we will see what happens.

New Business:

-Festival/Auction- The Festival is less than a month away. WHFD has agreed to come and bring their fire truck so the kids can get an up-close look at the equipment. We have new bounce houses and interactive games. After talking with

Papa Tater more we decided that he will position himself out side with the games and perform more of a "street show" type act which will last approximately 10 minutes. He will perform several times over the course of the night. We did secure a 6th grader to do some face painting so we will have 2 face painters. Food donation requests and volunteer requests have been sent out. Please consider signing up for a volunteer time slot and/or a baked good. We had many companies generously donate goods for the food stand so we were really able to limit what we asked of parents this year.

The silent auction collection is beginning to wind down. There are still some remaining items that will be delivered or retrieved closer to May 10th. We are very excited to welcome many new sponsors and extremely thankful for the sponsors who have agreed to donate year after year. Thank you to the Farmdale parents who donated items for our classroom baskets. We are excited to offer an opportunity for each grade to be part of our auction. Please make sure to continue to watch the Farmdale Faculty Parent Association Facebook page daily for a detailed listing of the items we will feature, as well as our "Fabulous Friday," postings that spotlight items worth \$100 and more. Make sure to stop by the Silent Auction, at the festival, and bid on our various baskets, gift cards, gifts, sports memorabilia and much more. We will be located in the Farmdale Elementary Cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Parent Work Center- Status quo with parent work center. Calendar is available through end of year. If there is anyone not previously on the email list interested I can add them

-FES Scholarship- Scholarships were due April 5th. We had a total of four scholarships submitted. The scholarship winner will be selected by April 29th. The winner's name will be submitted to Hempfield by May 1st, and formally announced on Senior Awards Night.

-Spiritwear- When the report was submitted to us Wendy was taking care of getting flyers sent to print shop. Flyers should have gone home in the 4/4 Thursday folders. Info posted on FPA Facebook as well.

-Volunteer Breakfast- Volunteer breakfast is Thursday, 5/16. Staff Appreciation end of the year luncheon is Wednesday, 5/22. Planning is underway for both events.

-Mission Statement/Goals- The Farmdale FPA is a non-profit faculty and parent association (FPA) whose mission is to institute and sustain a close relationship between the parents, teachers, and students by evolving opportunities within the home, school, and community. The FPA provides assistance to teachers, raises funds for educational materials and experiences, advocates school and family social interaction, and provides an unbiased forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children. It is our belief that the team effort of a faculty parent association offers the best possible learning environment for our children. This organization shall exist for educational and charitable purposes.

The goals and objectives of the Farmdale FPA:

- Promote communication between students, faculty, and parents.
- Foster and enhance the educational environment.
- Host faculty/staff appreciation events throughout the year.
- Recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer efforts for programs and projects that support and enrich the curriculum and educational goals for Farmdale Elementary School.
- Create and cultivate a sense of community at Farmdale Elementary School.

The annual budget is raised solely through donations and fundraising activities. Parent involvement is a fundamental part of what makes a school community rich and robust. We take great pride in the strength of our FPA and encourage you to learn more about our programs and get involved in any of the many volunteer opportunities that work with your interests and schedule.

Everyone reviewed the above mission statement and goals and liked them. A motion was made to accept the updated mission statement and goals and it was accepted.

-Positions to fill for the next school year- President, VP, Volunteer Coordinator, Spiritwear, Yearbook (co-chair), Sculpture Garden. We will be holding elections for President and VP at the 5/23 meeting. We are also going to be looking for someone to “shadow” the Festival Chairperson.

Round Table: None

Meeting adjourned at: 8:33pm

Next Meeting: May 23, 2019