

Farmdale FPA Meeting
February 1, 2021

Attended via Zoom: Terri Meyer, Micael McGovern, Crystal Shields, Christina Hance, Samantha Weigle, Kristen Nikolaus, Lindsay Gregg, Sue Forry, Tricia Pearson, Cara Flynn, Andrea Nikolaus, Jess Brandt, Erin Brossman, Jamie Kopp, Melissa Reihart, Erin Gosik

Meeting called to order at: 6:32pm

Minutes from: November 2, 2020

Changes: add last name - Veronica Pilon

Motion: Lindsay Gregg motioned, seconded by Kristen Nikolaus

Treasurer's Report (Crystal Shields): Received a check from Falcon Dash for \$17,141.25 and it was deposited.

Changes: None

Motion: Cara Flynn motioned, and Jess Brandt seconded

Principal's Input: (Mrs. Pearson)

We are trying our best to maintain a sense of normalcy while adhering to the safety guidelines. We need to remain flexible and think creatively as plan special activities and events with our students. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

-This school year we have needed to shift gears from the Falcon Cart to Mystery Bags. Instead of individual Fish Tickets we are now using a Fish Ticket card which equals 10 Fish Tickets. This allows for less handling and transferring of rewards. Students are using their Fish Ticket card(s) to earn Mystery Bags which contain three items that would typically be found on the Falcon Cart. This new approach provides incentives for students in a safer manner than shopping from the cart and is able to be managed by our school staff.

-We continue to plan monthly Falcon Friday celebrations during grade level lunches, instead of all school assemblies. During January, the faculty and staff participated in the January Jelly Bean Boozled Falcon Friday. The students enjoyed seeing their teachers, and other adults, answer trivia questions with the potential of being bean boozled, eating a jelly bean that does not taste very good. We will continue to plan fun monthly celebrations during grade level lunch periods.

-This month we are bringing positivity to Farmdale with various "Feel Good February" events. For Valentine's Day students will each be making their own Valentine for the class which will be displayed on their classroom door. Teachers will be planning their own Valentine activities/games. "Be the I in Kind" will return to Farmdale for the second year. Throughout the month, students and classes will think of ways to show kindness to others. We will showcase these acts of kindness on our KIND display in the main hallway. Special spirit dress days focusing on kindness will take place during the second week of February. Special quotes will be submitted to the office by each to be read on the morning announcements that will go along with our "feel good" theme. We are also running a district Food Drive in which non-perishable goods can be brought to Farmdale and then donated to the Hempfield Food Bank.

-Last year we participated in a One Book One School event reading The One and Only Ivan. Students in grades 1-6 will have the opportunity to watch The One and Only Ivan movie with their class. We will focus on how Ivan exemplifies the four Farmdale Be the One expectations: be responsible, respectful, safe and engaged.

-We are in the process of planning this year's One Book One School reading event. More information to come...

-Many questions have been asked about field trips. Until we know what May will bring, it is hard for us to safely plan trips. Grades 2,4, and 6 are considering different options, some of which may involve a virtual field trip or bringing a presenter to Farmdale. Options are being considered and decisions will be made closer to May.

-Special FPA events, such as family fun nights and the festival, are being discussed. Again, until we know what May will bring we will be unable to solidify plans involving large groups of people. Everyone's patience is appreciated.

Teacher's Input: (Ms. Weigle) Thank you for continued support.

The 6th Grade class photos were turned in and we included virtual students- we had fun with them.

SPAC Report (Kristen Nikolaus and Andrea Nikolaus): Meeting was mainly about Covid and the protocol that needs to be followed so that schools can remain open. Please see attached minutes from the meeting, but things change very quickly so some items in the meetings minutes no longer apply.

Next SPAC meeting is next week, so if there are any questions that anyone would like to be asked at the meeting please get them in to us ASAP.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Sue Forry

- Room Parents: We are proceeding with Room Parents- information to follow within the next few weeks.
- 6th grade t-shirts: Estimates were received, and it was decided to use Jaxxon Productions (the District uses them as well). Students names will be printed on the back of the shirts, as it was done last year. Estimates are available for anyone that would like to see them.

Jamie Kopp

- Festival: The Magician and bounce houses that were supposed to be used last year, are available this year. Festival is scheduled for May 7, 2021. Unfortunately, it is too early to make definite plans at this time- but continues to be a work in progress.

Lindsay Gregg

- Spirit Wear: We are now working with H & L Team Sales, which is a new business. We earn a small profit on the sales- will find out more info on the profit for Crystal. Items are delivered to Farmdale 3-4 weeks after sale window has closed and go home with the students. The next sale will be February 17- March 3rd. This is very exciting, as orders seem to be taking place.
- FB Page: Please send me information and photo of anything that you would like to have posted to the FB page.

Micael McGovern:

- FPA VP position is available for 2021-22 school year. The main job of the VP is to shadow the President, some other responsibilities include PR, Facebook page, and Promotions.
- The Treasurers position is also available for the 2021-22 school year.
- FES Scholarship: we are offering a scholarship to a graduating 2021 Hempfield Senior. The applicant must have attended Farmdale for at least 4 years, must provide verification of acceptance to an institution of higher education, have at least a 3.5 GPA and have participated in one Hempfield HS extracurricular activity or have at least 32 volunteer hours during the 2020/21 school year. The student needs to complete the application and essay in order to be considered.

The topic of the essay was voted on tonight. The selection is:

~ Farmdale is encouraging our students to "Be the ONE". Be the ONE, emphasizes the importance of following Farmdale's four expectations: Be safe, responsible, respectful, and engaged. Although this initiative was not formally promoted while you were at Farmdale, these expectations have always embodied Farmdale's students. As you look back on your Farmdale experience, what part of "Be the ONE" influenced you? What part of "Be the ONE" do you hope to represent in your collegiate studies? Why?

Book Fair: As per Natalie Fantom, the Spring Book Fair is scheduled for April 12-16th. The plan and hope is for in person fair, but it will and can be done virtually if need be.

Round Table:

Crystal Shields

Hershey Park ticket sales for 2021 were voted on during tonights meeting, and due to Covid, it was decided to side table the ticket sales until next year.

Working on teacher receipts/ reimbursement process to expedite in a timely and efficient manner.

Cara Flynn

Planning Staff appreciation luncheon for March 12th during Teacher in service day.

Melissa Reihart

Families did excellent job with raising money for the Falcon Dash- it was a huge success.

Kristen Nikolaus

It would be a good and helpful Idea to possibly put together a folder/ file of FPA Events from Chairs and Committees with all event and contact info to help ease the job for the next years volunteers.

Lindsay Gregg

Possibility to hold free events for families via zoom (EX: Bingo or Zumba) for fun, not a fundraiser- a great way to keep families engaged.

Offerd help with food trucks for festival.

Erin Gosik

There are monthly volunteers set in place for the remainder of the year for Staff Appreciation.

Sue Forry

Depending on the budget, is it possible to get teachers more money for classroom supplies and for the needs of the Teachers in the school. Can Crystal look into budget to see if there is money available for this and discuss it at the next FPA meeting in March.

Erin Brossman

In regard to Kristen's idea above, possibly a FPA google drive with Chair/ Committee contact lists, ideas, and Information.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:29pm

Next Meeting: March 1st at 6:30pm via Zoom