

Farmdale FPA Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at: 6:32pm

Minutes from: February 1, 2021

Changes: spelling error

Motion: Kristen Nikolaus motioned, seconded by Lindsay Gregg

Treasurer's Report (Crystal Shields):

- The Falcon Dash raised approximately \$21,000 and there was \$2,600 in expenses, giving us a net of approximately \$18,400. A more detailed report and figures will be available at next month's FPA meeting.
- Money paid out include:
\$750 for indoor recess bags, \$203 for bonding insurance payment and \$3,100 to reimburse teachers who have not yet used their teacher funds. \$2,500 total in checks were given to teachers for room parent money.
- Money received include:
\$82.60 for Box Tops, \$108.00 Amazon smiles check, and \$46 from the Holiday Craft Night

Changes: None

Motion: Jamie Kopp motioned, and Kristen Nikolaus seconded

- Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson): Details about the schoolwide activities during Feel Good February at Farmdale were shared, with an emphasis on "being the I in kind". Some of the activities included: daily quotes about kindness provided by each classroom, random acts of kindness done for others throughout the building, door decorating with Valentines, extending our Valentine giving to those who do not have a class of students, and using sidewalk chalk to "chalk the walk" with kindness quotes, messages, and pictures.
- The fun and feel good at Farmdale extends into March and beyond. March into Wellness Through May involves new wellness activities each week that classes can do during brain breaks in the classroom, outdoor mask breaks, and recess. Classes will track the completion of their wellness activities in their classroom and on a schoolwide grid in the main hallway.
- Classes will continue to think of ways to celebrate and hold end of year activities in a safe manner consistent with our new protocol. More details to come as plans are made.

Teacher's Input (Ms. Weigle):

- Thank you for all the indoor recess bags, all the grade levels appreciate them.
- We are all excited for the luncheon on Friday.

SPAC Report (Kristen Nikolaus):

- There is a full report attached from the meeting.
- Some highlights from the meeting include, the continued work and discussion regarding the balance of Formative and summative assessments in each department; the school calendar for the 2021-22 year; and the possibility of full day Kindergarten in the future.

The next SPAC meeting is April 21st, if anyone has any questions that they want asked at the meeting, please get them to Kristen Nikolas or Andrea Nikolaus before then.

Old Business:

- Student Incentives (Cara Flynn): Mrs. DeArment was in contact with Crystal Shields and myself about what items, and how many of each she would like for the 'indoor recess bags' for the students for when it's too cold or wet outside for recess, they needed items that would not be shared and could fit into the students desks for them to grab and use when time was given for that. Crystal purchased these super awesome rainbow papers and wooden stylus's, activity books, coloring books, play doh, wikki stix along with ziploc bags for 500 students. Within 3 days everything came straight to my home and I assembled them and delivered them on Wednesday Feb 17th, and they were handed out Monday when the kids returned from the snow days. Mrs. DeArment email: "wanted to let you both know that we handed out the indoor recess bags yesterday and the students absolutely loved them, they were so excited to play with them at recess and enjoyed all of the items inside. Thank you both so much for all of your help ordering and putting them together. You truly made this process so easy, and I really appreciate your help. The teachers were also very excited to have something fun for the students to play with during breaks. 'Thank you' just doesn't seem like enough!! "

I want to give a big shout out to Crystal for her speedy work on this extra project, she not only handled everything super quickly, she picked out some awesome items to include. And was easy to communicate with.

- Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart) Farmdale Elementary blew the roof off our goal of \$12,500 by raising a whopping \$20,860.25. Three area businesses, Greenawalt Roofing, Hempfield Family Dental Care and Rodkey Barber Shop, generously donated \$500.00 each to help offset the cost of Falcon Dash shirts for the entire student body. Students who raised \$25.00 and up, were given chances to participate in the "Art Masterpiece." Seven students were able to pour paint on Mr. Zdilla at the end of the school day on October 30th. All students were able to see him as they departed school that day and a video of the event was provided by the FPA to the teachers for the classes to have the opportunity to view the event. As the students surpassed the final goal, Mrs. Pearson wore a crazy hair style, chosen by the students, on November 24th. Teachers whose class raised over \$500, also participated in this event. The students loved it! Thank you SO much to all the volunteers who helped the day of the race, to the faculty and staff for being so supportive of this event, and especially to the parents and students of Farmdale who never cease to amaze us with your support of our organization. A special thanks to Kristen Nikolaus, for your unending support and help over the last few years and to Laurie Rineer for agreeing to help in the years to come.
- Micael McGovern -A report was given in from Michelle Williams for The Holiday Craft Night. She reported that there was a total Sales of \$465.50 with \$29 average sale and 122 shoppers. We made \$93.10 from the event. Michelle recommends working with Linda from the Holiday Shoppe, as she was easy to work with and delivery was good.

New Business:

- Staff Appreciation (Cara Flynn): Ordered all pre-packaged food from Giant. FPA closet has enough utensils and paper goods for the luncheon. The \$17 Wegmans gift card balance from Staff Ambassador, will be used for Keurig cups for Teachers. Lindsay Gregg is going to be getting the chips and Erin is going to be getting the bottled beverages.
- Room Parents (Sue Fory): Our room parent positions have been filled. Thank you to everyone for your patience and your willingness to help. Room parents will look a little different this year so you may not hear from your room parent right away. Please continue to be patient. We have also requested that teachers be given the room parent money. Room parents will be working with the teachers as far as expenses as well as classroom communication. Thank you for all your help and understanding. Thank

you also for letting me serve as room parent coordinator these last few years. I look forward to handing it off to Erin Brossman. A Google doc was given to the FPA leadership as well as Erin with all of the notes.

- 6th Grade T-Shirts (Sue Forry): Jaxxon has been incredible to work with. The sixth grade T-shirts have been ordered. They will be delivered directly to the school. (Not sure on delivery date) Miss Weigle will handle distribution. A bill will be given to the FPA. I would encourage a current fifth grade parent to consider serving in this role for next year. All notes have been forwarded to the FPA leadership via a Google doc. Thank you for allowing me to coordinate the six grade T-shirts for four different years!
- Silent Auction (Melissa Reihart) Before the shut down last year, many generous donations had been received. Due to the hardships many businesses have been experiencing, contact has been sent to ensure that they are still able to honor the previous donations. Other donation requests have been filled out and we are awaiting replies. If we are unable to hold the silent auction in person, due to state and CDC regulations, we will investigate an online option. Melissa will be stepping down from her Chair position of the Silent Auction for next year. It is suggested that this committee has two Chairs, as it is a huge undertaking.
- Micael McGovern (Farmdale Scholarship): The Farmdale Scholarship has been submitted to the High School; the due date is March 31st for the students to turn in their essay. The Scholarship Committee will consist of Mrs. Trisha Pearson, Mrs. Sara Bair, and Micael McGovern.

Round Table:

- Jamie Kopp: The Farmdale Festival is still a work in progress. We are waiting to hear from the District with safety and health guidelines. Food trucks have been contacted and are waiting for responses with availability.
- Micael McGovern: The FPA Treasurer and Vice President positions are still open, please spread the word.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47pm

Next Meeting: April 12th at 6:30pm via Zoom