

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 6:34

-In Attendance:

Minutes from May 2024:

-Changes: no changes

-Motion: Alexis Ayrton, Jess Brandt

Reports of Officers:

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

Thank you to everyone that joined us at our Chair dinner on August 13th. We covered a lot of information for our new chairs as well as our seasoned chairs. The food, drinks, and company was wonderful! I hope to do it again next year.

**Voted to have Micael be treasurer this year. Everyone voted yes.

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern):

-Changes:

-Motion:

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson):

- Smooth start to the new school year- thank you families for your support!
- At Back to School Night, principal and teachers shared information with families. I shared information about our Be the One PBIS plan and how we recognize and reward students for meeting our building expectations (Be safe, respectful, responsible, and engaged).
 - Fish Ticket cards- classroom incentive
 - Golden Fish Ticket- buildingwide
 - Specials Stars- monthly special area recognition
 - Fabulous Falcons- lunch and recess recognition by Fab Five
- One Book One School is back again! As a building we are reading The Wild Robot Escapes with our homerooms and OBOS families.
- We are looking forward to the upcoming Falcon Dash. Some changes will be shared soon.

Teacher's Input (Miss Weigle): A few things, an email is sent out before the FPA meetings incase teachers have anything to say that should be added to the meeting. Kopenhaver said thank you FPA for everything that you do and for the indoor recess bags and board games for the 6th grade classrooms, also appreciate the great treats donated by FPA board.

SPAC Report (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern):

Reports of Committees:

Recurring Committees:

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): New this year, I sent a survey to our grade level teachers to see how and when they anticipate using Room Parents for the 24/25 school year. I have received 16 responses so far and the survey is open through Friday 9/13. Mrs Pearson and I touched base and will meet when the RP volunteer information is available. I plan to reach out to prospective Room Parents to share how the teacher/grade level anticipates using Room Parents this year to be sure this is a position the volunteer can accept. Some grades that do all of their celebrations together may have a dedicated group of Room Parents for the grade level, rather than for individual rooms.

-Volunteer Coordinator (Erin Gosik/Board): We have started compiling all of the information. Thank you to Christine and Micael for entering all of the paper forms manually. We had 30% decrease in returned forms from last year.

-Sunshine Committee (Cara Flynn): A sign up sheet has been made, and several months have been accounted for, if you're interested in donated a special faculty treat please reach out to Farmdale.FPA.Volunteers@gmail.com

-Sculpture Garden (Crystal Shields): Explained what the sculpture garden is and how to order them and what they cost, and when they get installed. TJ will be installing them. Will do a facebook post with the form.

-Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): Coordinated with teachers and Mrs. DeArment on what items to provide each grade has a different set of items, Micael ordered everything in August and bags were assembled before the start of school and delivered to Mrs. DeArment. These bags are used to occupy students during indoor recess days when there is inclement weather.

-Falcon Cart (Tiffany Geiger): 30th September will be the first Falcon Cart, fish ticket cards are being punched by staff/teachers. Items are selected for age appropriateness, have some awesome items coming this year. (Mrs. Pearson explained new fish ticket rules)

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker/Lauren Duff): Planted bigger pots at the main entrance, buying mums and fall flowers for those, adding some in the ground as well. Added bushes to the art room wall in the garden. Mulching took place before the start of school. Weeded over the summer.

-Professional Recognition (Andréa Carbo):

-Family Engagement (Lindsay Gregg): All new families who move into Farmdale after the start of the year will receive a welcome letter and small bag with Farmdale FPA swag welcoming them, including the Farmdale DASH shirt from last year. This will include information that is generally a part of the welcome packet so families will receive the information even after the start of the year, including volunteer opportunities and events at Farmdale.

Fall Committees:

-Family Movie Night (Christine H & Athene Gross): 9/20 @ 7pm... the movie is Inside Out 2! We have two dinner food trucks (What's For Supper & Taco RV) and a dessert truck (East Coast Mini Donuts). FPA will give out movie candy, popcorn and water for free. RSVP will be shared with the office for FES News, and info will be sent to Miss Weigle for teachers who want to put it in their weekly update for parents. Volunteer sign up went out on Tuesday - we have 24 volunteer slots to fill.

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart & Jenn Jones): 10/4, rain date 10/11 This years theme is Wild About Farmdale, our goal is \$30,000 as of right now the amount raised is \$8,000, today was our first spirit day to promote the dash, safari day!! Inflatable head bands were distributed to students and staff, facebook photos posted. Today is the last day to register your student to receive the free wild rubber duckie. Next spirit day is the animal pajama day Sept 18th. Prizes will be distributed on fridays, and if the kids hit their goal Mr. Curtis has agreed to become a walking taco. Yard signs will be available for purchase for \$10 to decorate and send back to school, money sent to school in an envelope and labeled for the falcon dash signs and signs will come home on fridays.

-Trunk or Treat (Alexis Ayrton): 10/26 so far 1 confirmed food truck, working on a dessert truck, there will be pumpkin crafts, games, and a dance party. 30 slots available for trunk decorating, sign up genius will go out to the volunteer list. 3 winning trunks, favorite trunk, favorite hand out, favorite costume with prizes.

-Fall Book Fair (Natalie Fantom/Kellan Kernisky): 11/11-11/13, meeting to plan next week (date TBD)

-FES Discount Cards (Crystal Shields) December forms will go home, Cards are valid January to December, and will be \$15. Need co-chair for this committee.

-Staff Appreciation Fall (Tiffany Geiger): Parent teacher conferences is the first meal. October 24th. Providing dinner.

-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop (Christine Hughes/Cara Flynn): 12/5 Working on information flyers and sign up sheets for Makers Market, not doing a holiday shop, will be reaching out to vendors (adults and students) to sell items in the gym. Will be picking \$1, \$2 and \$3 options this year as well as a free craft for every student. If you know any vendors with appropriate items to sell for an elementary school, we offer one 6ft table and 2 chairs at the cost of \$25 OR \$25 product donation to our silent auction in the spring. contact: Farmdale.FPA.HolidayNight@gmail.com

-Winter Spiritwear (Cara Flynn): 11/4-11/15 Will be selling long sleeve items as well as sweatpants and hoodies, and offering 3 Hempfield and 3 Farmdale logos, clothing offered in white, black, red and gray options for children and adults.

Spring Committees:

New Business:

Dinner & A Show - Masked Singer. This event will take in March.

Announcements:

Vote for Treasurer for 2024-2025 school year

Chair Meeting Topics:

- **If you're able to add minutes to the sheet ahead of time, this is very helpful for our secretary and also your information will be more accurate.**

- **If you are ever in an uncomfortable situation while volunteering for an event (angry parent, child not listening, any injuries) please do not handle by yourself. Mrs. Pearson needs to be contacted asap. If you are not able to reach Mrs. Pearson, please find one of the board members and we will get Mrs. Pearson to handle.**
- **Our preferred communication for volunteer opportunities is by email. We want to make sure we are being inclusive and we have a paper trail of communication. Please use the volunteer list provided by the volunteer coordinators**
- **We really want our meetings to be productive. If you want to go over details about your event and you need advice or ideas, some of these conversations are better in smaller groups. We want to be mindful of everyone's time.**
- **All fliers and handouts must be approved by our office staff. This includes anything that went out in previous years. We are asking also that all of this communication be looked over by the board first, at least a week before you intend on sending them home. We want to have our FPA logo on everything and we would like to have a consistent look to offer more exposure and recognition to the FPA.**
 - **In addition, for anything printed, please use QR codes and if something is being sent electronically, please use a clickable link.**
- **The FPA board would like to represent our volunteers in a positive manner. We are very thankful for each of our chairs and volunteers. We'd like to remind everyone to please view other's events in a positive and constructive way and offer thoughts and ideas to help our chairs. We want to support and uplift each of our volunteers.**

Conclusion:

Round Table: nobody has anything for round table.

Adjournment: 7:49

Meeting adjourned at:

Next Meeting: October 10, 2024