



Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2018

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 pm

Minutes from November 2, 2017 (Melissa Reihart)

Changes: None

Motion: Approved

Treasurer's Report (Whitney Ireland)

Changes:

Motion:

- Additional purchases were made in the last few months to enable us to be able to process credit card purchases throughout the year. A tablet and a square were obtained and we successfully used them during the Holiday Craft Show. The cost for these items was taken from our excess money funds from last year's fundraising.

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson) Mrs. Pearson was unable to attend the meeting, so no report is available at this time.

Teacher's Input (Miss Wysocki)

- **New large purchase ideas:** Liz Erb suggested turning a space in the building into a "reading lounge." A place we can take kids for reading workshop time with comfy seating options.
- **Previously mentioned large purchase ideas:** Christine Ruhl suggested having an outside classroom. Possibly we could slowly fix up the area that holds our picnic tables. Could we add a few trees, pavers, etc. It would be nice for picnics, writing, reading, etc. Jess Kling suggested a better, brighter, newer projector for the screen in the cafeteria by the stage or some sort of white projector screen that could be set up in the gym for the assemblies. Wendy Toole suggested an electronic message board, if the district would approve it or to pay for an awesome presenter for an assembly.
- **Jen Baer ESL request:** Can you ask the FPA if they would pay for Starfall for our ESL students who need extra reading and math support that is below their grade level? It is

\$70 for six students or \$35 for one student. Any money that is left in my yearly account, can be used to offset the costs. It is possibly around \$60 or \$65. The link is <https://secure.starfall.com/memb/join1.php>

- A motion was made to approve \$35.00 be given for this program, with the remaining amount coming out of her yearly account. If any additional funds are needed, further requests will be needed.
- Thanks have been expressed from many teachers for the “treats” that have been left in the faculty room for the teachers to enjoy. We appreciate it!
- The board and the parents in attendance have asked that we receive additional information about the screen costs and reading lounge information.
- Sue Forry brought up a concern related to the lack of quality board games and some research is being requested so we can decide how to proceed. The possibility of having a game cart established was discussed.

SPAC Report (Ed Kreibick)

- **Securely Demo: Internet filtering content**
 - Parents have the ability to filter what their kids see on the school I pads, and to get a weekly report on what they accessed. Parents can also block particular sites and change settings. These settings will work only outside of school, in school it will change back to default school settings
 - If they sign up for securely, they will get a weekly email with what their kids accessed. You won't see a lot of education content on this report, but will see any google searches here as well as more.
 - Sign up for Securely at <https://www.hempfield.org/Page/576>
 - Email Mike Graham with any questions
- **411 tipline – 847411.**
 - This is text only – make sure you note the word “Hempfield” in the text
- **HSD Grading Policy**
 - Re tests should happen quickly (within two weeks)
 - Secondary level: tests don't come home, parents can request to see them however.
- **Schoology**
 - Teacher unit folders should be consistent
 - Schoology is not being forced for homework (yet) for all teachers. Each year, more and more will be on Schoology
- **Pre- approved absence forms**
 - Vacations during the school year: work with your principal
 - Legally you get 10 days with whatever excuse you want
- **PTO Self-promotion regulations**
 - At “Back to School,” nights..PTO can put out a table and have a person there actively promoting their organization.
- **Hempfield Barnstormers School Spirit Night, June 2nd**
 - There will be a meeting on April 9th about this event, if you would like to help

Old Business:

- **Pellman's Pie Fundraiser (Shelby Siegrist)** - Farmdale students sold 353 total items during this fall fundraiser. The total sales, of this event, was \$6816, with a profit of \$2241.55 to be used for future needs at Farmdale Elementary. There was also a \$19 donation given to the FPA.
- **Book Fair (Whitney Dover)** – The Scholastic Fall Book fair earned \$1,500 in cash and \$959.00 in scholastic dollars. The Book Drive collected over 600 books! We were able to give these books to students who did not have money to shop during the fair, to enable every child to leave with something new to read. We have several boxes of books left that will be used for the spring fair as well. We would appreciate additional donations of books for older grade levels to add to our inventory. One of the parents has volunteered to investigate ways to get additional books for those grade levels. More information will be given as it becomes available. The theme for the Spring Book Fair is “Paws for Books,” and it will be held May 7th – May 11th. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated supplied to make the book fair a success!!
- **Teacher Ambassador (Lisa Miller)** – We have arranged to provide a special February treat to the teacher's of Farmdale Elementary. A volunteer will be making Puppy Chow to be placed in the teacher's lounge for them to enjoy. An email searching for volunteers to help for March, April and May has also been sent out to parents.
- **Holiday Craft Night (Michelle Williams)** – We had approximately 46 students who purchased 250 crafts to make as gifts for their families. We spent \$202.80 on the crafts, which left us with a \$47.00 profit. We have approximately 30 candy cane crafts left over because they came in a large quantity. These will be used for a future event next year. We sold out on all other crafts and had late requests that we were unable to fill due to the craft order already being submitted. We had 6 vendor tables and a food table manned by Boy Scout Troop 281. Vendors paid \$25 for their space/table which gave netted us an additional \$150.00 profit. Gifts for the Holiday Shop were purchased for \$621.00 and we collected \$682.75 for a profit of \$61.75. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make this event such a fun night for all our students and their families.
- **Teacher Holiday Breakfast (Lisa Miller)** – This event was a huge success and the teacher's enjoyed the fresh pancakes. We only spent \$200 for the entire event, since all the items were donated except for the bacon, sausage and quiche. Some additional tablecloths were purchased after Christmas, at a discounted price, for next year.
- **Spiritwear (Bridget Sohonyay)** – We have sold \$494.00 worth of spiritwear thus far, for a profit of \$90. There are discussions about changing some items for the spring and holding a logo design contest among the Farmdale students. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- **Scrip (Melissa Reihart)** – The FPA was approached by several parents, during Back to School night, about raising money using the Scrip Program. This gives individuals to purchase gift cards to different restaurants and stores and have a percentage go back to our school. During the Holiday Craft Night, on December 1st, we had a table established to sell cards for Christmas gifts. We sold a total of 70 cards for a combined face value of \$1,330.00. The FPA received \$78.00 profit from this fundraiser. We will be offering this program on a wider scale next year.

- **BJ's Wholesale (Whitney Ireland)** – We received 17 applications for BJ's Wholesale memberships, which will result in an \$85 profit for the FPA. There was a mailing charge involved, so the final profit will be around \$83.00
- **Moo \$ (Michelle Gruber)** – There was a submission in the fall and we earned \$75.00. The next contest will end on February 15th. A prize for the winning class will be determined by the board.
- **Sculpture Garden (Wendy Toole)** – We have one family that ordered a brick since we began to advertise electronically. This will be held until more orders are received due to the carving requirements. A recommendation was made to investigate the possibility of sending home forms to the Kindergarten families and any new students to the school. Micael will post some information on the FPA facebook page.
- **Sixth Grade T-shirts (Nickie Fasnacht)** – The design for the sixth grade shirts, for field day, have been completed. This year's color will be white.



- **Marshmallow Contest (Kristen Nikolaus)** – Congratulations to our friend in Miss Wysocki's third grade class. He was within two marshmallows!

New Business:

- **Dream Dinners (Tracey Keller)** – We had ten people attend the fundraiser on Friday. So that is a \$100 profit for the FPA. The session in February is completely full.
- **Read-A-Thon (Johanna Kreibick)** – The Read-a-thon has gotten off to a great start. The first week, the students read 45,043 minutes and are half way to their 99,405 minute goal that was established by the teachers. Some additional new ideas are being developed to help ease the calculation burden in the future.
- **Family Fun Night (Kristen Nikolaus)** – On March 2nd at 7 pm, Magician Al Grout will be at Farmdale Elementary performing for approximately 45 minutes. After the show there will be music and games for the students and their families to enjoy. This is a free event sponsored by the FPA. Additional future ideas were given from previous years, such as bingo, shows, baskets of donated items from each grade, etc.
- **Box Tops/Moo \$ (Lisa Miller & Kristen Nikolaus)** – Our next Box tops contest will end on February 15th. A prize of \$25 worth of recess items will be awarded to the winning classrooms. (a motion was made and approved to spend the additional money) Moo \$, there was a submission in the fall and we earned \$75. It was discussed to see if we can have the same chairperson for Box Tops and Moo \$ for the upcoming year. More information will be distributed as it comes up.

- **Year Book (Terri Meyers)** – The yearbook is almost finished but there are still some finishing items that have not yet been delivered. There will be a two page spread focusing on the sixth graders. It was discussed about possibly asking parents to send in pictures so that more live shots can be used. If this is approved, not all pictures will be able to be used due to the limitation of pages Life Touch establishes. It was suggested that Miss Wysocki be asked to send an email to the teachers and ask them for any pictures of their kids that could be used. The idea of setting up an email address titled, farmdaleyyearbook@yahoo.com to enable parents to send pictures for consideration was discussed.
Kristen will give this information to Mrs. Pearson to be discussed at next week's staff meeting.
- **Hershey Park (Melissa Reihart)** – The FPA will be holding their annual Hershey Park discount ticket sale from March 1st until March 16th. To streamline this program, Hershey is now selling only regular tickets for individuals from 3 years old and up. We will be offering them at a cost of \$34.00 apiece, which is a 48% savings on the regular park admission. We will also be offering meal tickets at \$11.99 apiece, which is a \$1 savings from park prices. Please watch for the order form in your children's Thursday folders.
- **Festival (Kristen Nikolaus)** – The festival will be held on May 4th from 4:30-8 pm at FES, rain or shine. We will have new bounce games and new bounces, including skee ball. We will have a NEW fish bowl toss game where participants will have a chance to win beta fish generously donated by That Fish Place. We are working on some other new ideas for this year too. Look for information in early March from Room Parents about signing up to help. We have nearly 100 volunteer time slots that need to be filled throughout the evening.
- **Open and Filled Positions for 2018-2019 (Kristen Nikolaus)** – We are still looking for someone to volunteer for the Secretary Position.
- **T shirts for Mr. Z (Kristen Nikolaus)** – Mr. Zdilla could use some t shirts to use in art class. If you have t shirts you are willing to donate, please contact Kristen Nikolaus kln4126@comcast.net
- **Round Table:**
 - **Sue Forry**, Room parents have run very smoothly this year.
 - **Tiffany Kemmler**, Silent auction is beginning to send out letters and ask for donations. Businesses will also be contacted in person over the next few months. If anyone has a business or would like to donate anything, please contact Tiffany.
- **Meeting Adjourned at: 7:59 pm**
- **Next Meeting: March 1, 2018**