

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda  
February 5th, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 6:36pm

Attended by: Micael McGovern, Melissa Reihart, Kristen Nikolaus, Lindsay Gregg, Crystal Shields, Terri Meyer, Stephanie Perrotti, Laurie Rineer, Tiffany Kemmler, Erin Gosik, Emily MacFeat, Johanna kreibick, Sam Weigle, Trisha Pearson

Minutes from: November 13, 2019

Changes: none

Motion: Motioned-Terri 2<sup>nd</sup> Johanna

Treasurer's Report (Crystal Shields)

Changes: None

Motion: Motioned-Kristen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa

Principal's Input: (Mrs. Pearson) Kindness Spirit Days. We will kick off Be the I in KIND Month with a week of spirit days. Tuesday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>- Kindness Counts Day (wear clothing with numbers). Weds, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- Crazy for Kindness Day (wear crazy socks). Thursday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>- Hats off to Kindness Day (wear your favorite hat). Friday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- Dream of Kindness Day (wear your pajamas and sneakers to school). For the remainder of February, we will have spirit days on Wednesdays.

Wednesday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>- Shine Bright with Kindness (wear neon colored clothing). Wednesday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindness is Respecting Differences Day (wear mismatched clothing). Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>- Kindness is Being the One Day (dress in Farmdale spiritwear or Hempfield colors).

Kindness Challenges

Random Acts of Kindness- each class is challenged to complete one random act of kindness for another class each week during the month of February. The teacher will write on the bright colored "kindness paper" provided what your class did. The teacher/class will post the bright paper on the following letters K (week of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>), I (week of Feb 10<sup>th</sup>), N (week of Feb 17<sup>th</sup>), D (week of Feb 24<sup>th</sup>).

Kindness and Appreciation Notes

During the month, each student is challenged to write at least one short note of kindness and appreciation to a Farmdale faculty or staff member. Students can write as many letters throughout the month as they would like on whatever paper they choose. Teachers can collect the letters from their students daily and send a messenger to the office to deliver them to the yellow Kindness Notes bin found on the floor under the mailboxes. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade office helpers will put them in mailboxes daily. Faculty and staff members can feel free to write back to the students if they choose.

Kindness Quotes

Our morning announcements will include a daily kindness quote. We encourage your students to search for kindness quotes and share them with your class. Students may submit a kindness quote for us to consider using the morning announcement. Students can do this by neatly writing the quote on a piece of paper, adding a picture or design is optional and sending it in your morning folder. We will hang these in the hallway around the KIND display across from the Art room.

I am the I in KIND

The KIND display can be found in the Art hallway. You will see the I is missing. That is because each of us IS being challenged to be the I in KIND. You can use this display for photo moments. Teachers and staff members can take a picture of themselves standing as the I in KIND> Students are also welcome to stand as the I in KIND and be photographed. If the pictures are sent to me I will include this on your slide show for the next assembly.

Thank you for helping to spread kindness at Farmdale!

Teacher's Input: (Ms. Weigle) The staff is very appreciative of your continued support of students and staff. Thank you for the delicious treats in the faculty room. We are looking forward to exciting events coming up soon!

SPAC Report: None

Old Business:

Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): The last prize, Recess in a Game Truck was held in December. There were approximately 12 students who earned this prize and a great time was had by all of them. We have received our check from the Get Moovin' corporation and the remaining receipts were submitted recently. Thank you to all of the parents, students and faculty who helped make this event such a success. A special thanks to the volunteers and Kristen Nikolaus for the extra hours and help! The district approved the Falcon Dash shirts for the faculty to wear on special approved casual dress days and I have enjoyed seeing the bright red Falcon Dash shirts, on various students, over the last few months. We look forward to next year!

#### New Business:

-Cafeteria Volunteers-We are in desperate help for cafeteria volunteers, we are not getting as many volunteers in the past. We are currently sending out a sign-up genius to everyone who signed up to volunteer, we are also sending email reminders, and posting on fb. Any and all help would be welcomed. Mrs. Pearson also suggested that our most needed time was noon to 1pm, and if you could only help out for an hour, that would be the most needed time.

-Family Fun Night is scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. It will be bingo and an ice cream social. As of right now we have 410 people rsvp'd. Due to the large response of people we have decided to only allow the children to play bingo and hand out donated Turkey Hill ice cream cups to every attendee as opposed to an ice cream social. The budget for this event is \$200, thanks to Turkey Hill's donation, we will be able to stay within budget.

-FES Scholarship-We are once again offering a scholarship to a Hempfield 2020 graduation senior. We currently have one \$500 scholarship available. The applicant must be a class of 2020 graduating Hempfield High School senior. They must have attended Farmdale Elementary for at least four years. They must be able to provide verification of acceptance to an institution of higher education at the time the scholarship is awarded. They must submit the application and essay to be eligible for consideration. They must have a GPA of at least 3.5. And they must have participated in one Hempfield H.S. extracurricular activity OR have at least 32 volunteer hours throughout the 2019/2020 school year. They also need to provide any documentation supporting any extracurricular activities.

The FPA is requesting the participation of one FPA board member, one Farmdale Faculty member, and one Farmdale administrator.

The essay topic needs to be selected. Our selections for the scholarship are:

1) 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 being 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?

2) This year at Farmdale we are focusing on our Family Trees, but this tree does not consist of the normal definition of family. We are focusing on creating a family bond within our schools. Our families consist of students, teachers, and staff from all walks of life. Tell us the importance of diversity in your inner circle and community. What does diversity mean to you, and how does diversity improve our society?

The FPA members voted and question one is the selected question for this year's applicants.

-Festival (Kristen Nikolaus) Bounce houses are booked and deposit has been paid. Mrs. Kling has agreed to DJ. I have 2 face painters scheduled to help- a parent of a student at FES and the former Art Teacher--Amy Smith. Amy teaches at LMS now and may have a few students willing to come and paint too. Sign Up Genius is set up. I will contact teachers this month to give them first crack at it. Parents should hear from their room parents at the end of the month or beginning of March. We are going to be asking for more food donations (on the sign-up genius) than we have in the past few years because of Musser's closing. Papa Tater has agreed to come back and perform "street show" type magic. Can

we please put a thank you on the website? If anyone knows of business that may be interested in giving a monetary donation to buy cups for the dime toss, please let me know. The 2 companies that have donated in the past are no longer able to donate. We are working out the details and hope to have a 50/50 raffle during the festival. \*\*\*\*\*see audio email\*\*\*\*\*

-Silent Auction (Melissa Reihart): Donation requests for the Silent Auction are underway. So far, approximately 305 businesses have been contacted. We are excited to see donations begin to arrive already. If anyone would like to help by distributing appeal letter requests to your employers, private businesses or activities or clubs your children attend...please email Melissa Reihart at [ffpasilentauktion@gmail.com](mailto:ffpasilentauktion@gmail.com). The FPA is a 501 (c) 3 corporation, all donations will be tax deductible. We appreciate any help you can provide.

-Spirit Wear (Linda Burdick): I will be looking to do another FB blast in the next few weeks to continue to promote. New items were added this year (car decals, different tote bags (one is a cooler tote along w/a different type of tote than last year, blankets, tank tops, etc).

-6th grade tshirts (Whitney Ireland)- Through some research, I discovered that the shirt colors are now predetermined and carry from year to year. Our color is white. I will begin researching printers and designs soon. Any input or suggestions are appreciated. Johanna K. suggested that numbers and all of the 6th grade sign their names on the back of the shirt.

-Bjs discount memberships (Whitney Ireland)- It was previously determined that we would not carry forward with the group BJs memberships. It was not widely received and I believe we only have 16 memberships currently. We would receive \$5 per renewal. I just wanted to double check that we will be discontinuing this. We discussed the fact that the amount of paper required to advertise this to the school wouldn't be worthwhile. Are there any other options or anyone willing to take on this task if it is continued? In addition, I wanted to know what type of communication we should have with the current members to communicate the fact that this will be discontinued if it is happening? \*\*The members of the FPA voted to discontinue offering BJ memberships to Farmdale.

-Boxtops-Holly said that physical boxtops are due Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. We are still accepting physical boxtops as long as they are not expired.

-VIP Dance-Tiffany-The event is March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm, an adult must stay with their student. Once people have paid for their tickets, bracelets will be sent home and there will be a note in the envelope about the raffle that will happen at the dance. The raffle will be for experiences the students can have with teachers and staff. Also, families can bring more than one adult, or younger siblings.

Round Table: Wendy Toole will be leaving Farmdale in March, and Crystal Shields will take over the sculpture garden until we find a chair for the position.

Meeting adjourned at:7:56 pm

Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30