

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

November 14, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 6:42pm

-In Attendance: Andrea Bria-Carbo, Jess Brandt, Kellan Kernisky, Lauren Duff, Front Rivera, Micael McGovern, Christine Baker, Trisha Pearson, Courtney Smith, Crystal Shields, Samantha Weigle, Erin Gosik, Cara Flynn, Aubrey Day, Christine Hughes, Jamie Kopp.

Minutes from October 2024:

-Changes: none

-Motion: Jess Brandt and Aubrey Day

Reports of Officers:

Board Report (Erin Gosik, Christine Hughes, Micael McGovern, & Cara Flynn): Class picture day will need volunteers, the staff favorites doc will go out next week in an eblast and be put on facebook. Reminder that this is the last meeting of the year, we will have a break until February 20.

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern): October was a very busy month, Fundhub check was deposited. The Dash grossed \$37,004.50 after fees. Movie Night food Truck donated \$50. Book Fair sold \$9,948.34, our FPA taxes will be done by tomorrow. We were issued a new debit card over the summer and a refund was made to our account for an unauthorized purchase of over \$2400.

-Changes:

-Motion: Andrea Carbo and Aubrey Day

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson):

The Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy was shared.

Academic

- We appreciate having the opportunity to meet with each student's parent/guardian at Conferences. Thank you for working together to create a positive home-school support network.
- The end of the first trimester is Wednesday, November 20th.

- Report cards will be posted to PowerSchool. The timeline will be communicated in the near future. If you need a PS account you should contact the Tech Dept.

Schoolwide

- We continue to reinforce to our students to Be the One.
- Each month students attend a grade level Mini Meet which focuses on a topic to help students Be the One. The last Mini Meet focused on ways to be engaged to get the most out of learning.
- At our last Falcon Friday students participated in the first annual Paper Airplane Contest. Congratulations to Miss Malriat's class for designing a plan that flew the farthest.

FPA Appreciation

- We appreciate the support the FPA! This past month the students enjoyed Trunk or Treat, shopping at the Falcon Cart, the pumpkin guessing contest, and attending the Book Fair.

Teacher's Input (Miss Weigle): Thank you for the book fair and trunk or treat, even some of my 6th graders were happy to be there. Thank you to the sunshine donation and the staff appreciation meals for October.

SPAC Report (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern): Our first SPAC meeting will be next week Nov. 19th at 6pm. All the schools come together and talk with the superintendent, about how they do things and prefer that we handle things, social media is a big topic. If you have a concern or a question, they encourage you to start with your teacher and then ask your principal, before going to the district level.

Reports of Committees:

Recurring Committees:

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): No update since last meeting.

-Sunshine Committee (Cara Flynn): November will be PIES, if anyone would like to make a pie or two, we are accepting homemade pies, savory and sweet for November 25th at 9AM. So far we have apple, pumpkin, shoo fly pie, berry, pecan, banana creme, sausage kale and potato and the real chicken pot pie.

-Sculpture Garden (Crystal Shields): Christine Hughes will make a google doc instead of sending home 500 forms to every student, we will post on facebook an e-blast.

-Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): no update

-Falcon Cart (Tiffany Geiger): A sign up genius will be going out in December for grade level parents to volunteer to help run the Falcon Cart during days that their grades are shopping.

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker/Lauren Duff): Planted 50 mixed color tulips by the flagpole.

-Professional Recognition (Andrea Carbo): Dropped off a gift card and nice treats for Mrs. Zipser for school psychology week, a post was done for facebook. Next day is January 10th building aide appreciation day.

-Family Engagement (Lindsay Gregg): Farmdale has had an influx of new students within the last few weeks. Families received/will receive a welcome bag from the FPA. In the bag they receive a welcome letter from the FPA and Farmdale Swag (T-shirt, cups, stickers, etc).

Fall Committees:

-Trunk or Treat (Alexis Ayrton): 10/26

-Fall Book Fair (Natalie Fantom/Kellan Kernisky): 11/11-11/13 We had a good turn out for the evening event. Ewallets were a big hit. Classroom shopping went very smooth as we only had kids come in and shop who had book fair money. Scholastic will be picking up cases and boxes tomorrow 11/15. Next spring we will have a designated table for discounted books. Will have a more organized raffle with prizes. Grossed over \$1000 more than last fall. Kellan will be full committee chair in the Spring of 2025.

-FES Discount Cards (Crystal Shields): Reached out to everyone from last year's card, almost everyone is on board for this year's card, new this year Dutch Apple is giving \$10 off adult show tickets.

-Staff Appreciation Fall (Tiffany Geiger): October was 3 homemade soups and 2 sandwiches plus a panini press. The faculty lounge was decorated really nicely. A post was done for facebook.

-Family Holiday Night (Christine Hughes/Cara Flynn/Lauren Duff): 12/5

- Craft order forms are due TOMORROW, we will be sorting and ordering crafts early next week. Crafts can still be purchased DAY OF at the event for \$1
- Our Falcon Makers Market meeting was last night and had 12 tables sign up, most of them had more than one student at each business, items are of a great variety and the kids are very excited and we are looking forward to a great first time event. We discussed payment options/cashboxes, business signs, price tags, size of items that will be sold, samples were given for us to display/advertise their businesses in the FPA lobby display.
- Bulletin board will be changed next week.
- A sign up genius for volunteers will go out in the next week for this event, we made changes to how the craft tables are set up so we won't need as many this year. The volunteer list will be used for this sign up.
- Cookie boxes will be for sale at this event, a sign up genius will go out next week to donate 2 dozen HOMEMADE 3 inch items for this. (so they fit in the boxes)
- Penguin Patch Shoppe items we delivered to the school and we went through the boxes and decided on what to put out for sale, made sure that no items conflict with vendors.
- 6 vendors have signed up so far and a facebook post will be done soon to promote for this. If you know of anyone that would like to be a vendor at our December 5 event please have them reach out to us at Farmdale.FPA.HolidayNight@gmail.com
- Winter Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): 11/1-11/15 Facebook posts have been done and e-blasts have been sent out to promote the spirit store, sales are low, tomorrow is the last day to order. Items will be ready in 3-4 weeks in time for the holiday gift giving season.

Spring Committees:

- Bingo Night** (Lindsay Gregg): 2/13 This event will look very similar to last year. We will offer a free hot dog meal, student only games and two adult only games. We will need volunteers and a sign up genius will be sent out closer to the time.
- 6th Grade T-Shirts** (Erin Gosik): Will work with Miss Weigle in the new year to get started on t-shirts.
- Kindergarten T-Shirts** (Courtney Smith/Erin Gosik): Will start working on details soon to get the names and start photo shopping the image.
- Yearbook** (Erin Gosik): Sharon will pick the cover and retakes are next week so I'll start working on it in the new year.

-Spring Spiritwear (Cara Flynn): no update

-Dinner and a Show (Lindsay Gregg): 3/28 Word has gotten out to staff about this event and we are working with staff to see who is interested in participating. Dinner will be provided for a cost of \$5 a person, the show will follow. We will need volunteers and a sign up genius will be sent out closer to the time.

-Staff Appreciation Spring (Tiffany Geiger): no update

-Hershey Park Tickets (Crystal Shields): no update until March

-Spring Book Fair (Aubrey Day/Kellan Kernisky): 4/7-4/9 no update

-Festival (Jamie Kopp): 5/2 no updates

-Festival Auction (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): 5/2, Will start working on donations January 1st.

-FES Scholarship (Micael McGovern): Choices for our scholarship:

Option 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, in 300-500 words, explain what part of "Be the ONE" influenced you. What part of "Be the ONE" do you hope to represent in your collegiate studies? Why?

Option 2) According to the Pew Research Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel, this year's election has shown that there is an increasing share (28%) of Americans who have a negative opinion of both parties. A little more than a year before the presidential election, nearly two-thirds of Americans (65%) say they always or often feel exhausted when thinking about politics, while 55% feel angry. By contrast, just 10% say they always or often feel hopeful about politics, and even fewer (4%) are excited. With these national statistics in mind how will you, as a graduating senior, navigate these polarizing political times? Using 300-500 words, what constructive tools can you offer our Farmdale students when being confronted by someone who does not share your views and opinions?

-Option 1 was chosen by the most votes. 8 to 4.

New Business:

Announcements:

Conclusion:

Round Table: nothing for round table

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 7:54pm

Next Meeting: February 20, 2025