**Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda**

**October 10, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at**: 6:32pm

**-In Attendance**: Alexis Ayrton, Christine Hughes, Micael McGovern, Jess Brandt, Erin Gosik, Sam Weigle, Tricia Pearson, Athene Gross, Jen Jones, Melissa Reihart, Lauren Duff, Fromy Rivera

**Minutes from September 2024:**

-Changes: none

-Motion: Alexis Ayrton and Athene Gross

**Reports of Officers:**

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

Trying to have a more streamlined approach to communication. Have a group chat between the board and each committee chair. An email will be coming from the school and the board requesting that people contact committee chairs regarding specific events. If you are asked about a specific event that is not yours, please direct them to the appropriate chair.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Micael McGovern):

The dash raised more than last year. Teachers are doing well with reimbursements. Purple form is for individual reimbursements please indicate how money should be sent home including which kid to send it home with, please attach a receipt. At least 3 days ahead of time to request a cash box for your event this is in the FPA treasurers mailbox. The other form is if you need money to purchase something before your event.

-Changes: none

-Motion: Alexis Ayrton and Athene Gross

**Principal’s Input** (Mrs. Pearson): Mrs. Pearson started by soliciting feedback regarding what information families attending the FPA meeting would like to hear from the principal.

Academic -Teachers are implementing the new ELA program, Wit and Wisdom. Information has been shared through the Farmdale Flashback (end of September) through the following link:<https://greatminds.org/english/witwisdom/family-engagement> In addition, a link to a video will be shared by classroom teachers by the end of the month. [backtoschool\_slideadded.mp4](https://hempfieldsd-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/jason_hoffman_hempfieldsd_org/EUxotrry0u9AquP9S3xWxBABYcCXGI_rqa6KJeoaG94J9Q)

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Students are using a new digital learning program from Renaissance called Freckle or Lalilo which adapts to students’ learning levels. Use this link to learn more: <https://www.renaissance.com/resources/family-resources/>

Schoolwide - We continue to reinforce to our students to Be the One. Positive reinforcement is being provided through praise and recognition.

Your help with bus safety is appreciated reinforcing to your child to be the one on the schoolbus-

o Sit in assigned seat

o Use appropriate words and volume

o Keep all electronics in your bookbag, which includes cell phones

o Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself

FPA Appreciation - The Falcon Dash was a fun, successful schoolwide event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this happen and for the fundraising support from our school community.

**Teacher’s Input** (Miss Weigle): Thank you to Melissa for organizing another successful and fun Falcon Dash! We appreciate all of the volunteer support in making this incredible event happen! Thank you Tiffany for a successful first Falcon Cart. Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the delicious treat in September. Thank you Erin Brossman for helping to coordinate room parents and communicating this to teachers. The movie night was a great success! Thank you to everyone involved in this fun opportunity for students and families. We appreciate all the FPA does to support teachers, students, and families!

**SPAC Report** (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern):

There hasn’t been a meeting scheduled yet this year.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Recurring Committees:**

-**Room Parents** (Erin Brossman): Last month, I sent a short survey to teachers asking how they expect to use their Room Parents this year. I had a great response rate and found the information very useful in my planning. I received a list of Room Parent volunteers and had a meeting with Mrs Pearson where we selected Room Parents for the school year. With a little recruiting, I was about to find a volunteer for each room, with the exception of Sixth Grade, where we have a group of Room Parents covering the grade as a whole. Room Parents were notified of their assignments and connected with their teachers through a grade level email from me. Additional items shared with Room Parents included our Room Parent Guidelines document, a list of classroom volunteers, a list of parents willing to donate items for class celebrations, and a document detailing items available for Room Parent use in the FPA closet. Room Parents will edit this document as items are used/added to our bins in the closet. Thank you Room Parent volunteers!

-**Volunteer Coordinator** (Erin Gosik/Board):

Done and collected, there are still just a few clearance updates that need to be made.

-**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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448AAAA29AAFC1-50772349-sunshine/59565281#/>

-**Falcon Cart** (Tiffany Geiger): The Falcon Cart is going well. If anyone has any ideas Tiffany is open to ideas. The next falcon cart week is the week of 11/4. It is usually 8:30 - 9am. Tiffany will be reaching out to volunteers for the next cart date.

-**Falcon Garden** (Christine Baker/Lauren Duff): Fall pots have been added. They will be purchasing 50 bulbs of red tulips for spring. If anyone would be interested in pulling weeds or anything, please reach out to Lauren or Christine.

-**Professional Recognition** (Andréa Carbo): Custodian Appreciation Day was October 2, sheetz gift cards were dropped off for the 4 Farmdale custodians this year to change it up from lunches done in previous years. School psychologist day is next in November.

-**Family Engagement** (Lindsay Gregg): Working with Sharon and Alicia to hand out “welcome” bags to new Farmdale families. These consist of “welcome letter” from FPA that shares FPA events, Farmdale shirts for all students and “swag” for the parents.

**Fall Committees:**

-**Family Movie Night** (Christine H & Athene Gross): Overall successful event on Friday, September 20th, with an RSVP of 520 people. We had 20 adult volunteers, plus FPA Board, and students who handed out roughly **500 bags of popcorn to adults & children** (two 5 lbs. 12 oz. packages of kernels), **345 movie candies to kids** (not adults, hands were marked to try and limit to one per person) - *original M&Ms, Sour Patch Kids, Skittles & Swedish Fish were the most popular.* We did not rent equipment, but utilized Athene’s A/V equipment and speaker, plus two FPA speakers. Sound was not loud enough with three speakers, *but* we have two additional FPA speakers we could have used (4 FPA + Athene’s for 5 total) and will use next year as they were very loud as a set of four when tested together at the Falcon Dash. **Parent Feedback Survey yielded 37 responses**, many suggestions were to encourage “movie theater behavior” to limit talking and kids running. Set-up with food by the playground gate made it easier to keep kids off the playground. Prior to the movie beginning, we acknowledged that *free* FPA events are a direct result of the incredible fundraising efforts for the Falcon Dash (to help families understand how the funds are used). *Special thanks to Lindsay Gregg for her event planning guidance, Tiffany & James Geiger for helping us purchase candy at a discounted rate, and the board for their support with Movie Night.*

-**Falcon Dash** (Melissa Reihart & Jenn Jones): The Falcon Dash was a huge success! Our grand total was $38,146.00, which is our highest so far. The students celebrated their success at the end of the school day October 4th. They watched Mr. Curtis become a walking taco and Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. DeArment, Mrs. McGovern and Mrs. Broome , in blow up costumes, complete an obstacle course. A great time was had by all! Thank you to our Gold sponsors for donating money to provide Farmdale shirts for all our students and their teachers. Our Gold Sponsors were: Grier’s Automotive, Hempfield Technology, Diesel Works, Red Up Design, Jones Landscape Edging, Lancaster County Motors, Lancaster Truck Repair, KH Electric, and Columbia Middletown Elks. Our Silver Sponsor was Duff Builders and our Bronze Sponsor was Owens Junk Removal. A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped in the weeks leading up to the Dash and during the event. This is a massive undertaking and could never happen without all of your help. Classes that reached their goal will have outside lunch in the weeks to come as well as an assembly before the end of the school year.

-**Trunk or Treat** (Alexis Ayrton):

Trunk Or Treat will feature about 45 mins of trunk decoration and three games (witch's hat toss, eyeball bounce & feed the monsters) with little squishy guys and rainbow slinkies as game prizes. After 45ish minutes, the Trunk Or Treating will begin as well as the dance party music! There are 30 slots for decorated trunks. Each trunk will have a number and the decorators will be given a number card to display as well as a lanyard for voting. Voting will stop at 1:45 and my team will count the votes. The winners will be announced then and there! Each winner will get a little trophy, a family movie night kit and Vanilla gift cards. I will also go around and take photos of all the trunks!

-**Fall Book Fair** (Natalie Fantom/Kellan Kernisky): 11/11-11/13; need to email scholastic to ask for supplies; need to contact office for class schedule; working on flyer and post for save the dates; theme idea “Wild About Reading” to go along with Falcon Dash theme- possibly borrow some decorations from the dash?

-**FES Discount Cards** (Crystal Shields) : no update

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

-**Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop** (Christine Hughes/Cara Flynn/Lauren Duff): 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 $1and $2 options this year as well as a free craft for every student. Lauren is working on the student makers market information, Christine is doing the craft order form and flyers, Cara is handling the sign up geniuses. 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 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. Event sales have been going great, sold shirts at movie night and the falcon dash, adult sizes are very popular, placed another order for spirit wear with the dash logos. Will be selling spirit wear for cash only at Family Holiday Night.

**Spring Committees:**

**Bingo:** in February - more info to come.

**Dinner & A Show** - Masked Singer 3/28 (Lindsay Gregg): Pricing food at this point, Spaghetti dinner vs pizza dinner. More information will be ready to go to staff in November asking for staff participants.

**Announcements:**

-**The Great Pumpkin Contest:** every October, the FPA purchases an oversized pumpkin and mums to display in the school front lobby. From October 8 through October 11, students and teachers alike will submit guesses for the pumpkins weight. The student who guesses the closest or exact weight wins the pumpkin to take home. The three teachers who guess the closest or exact weight win a potted mum. The weight of the pumpkin is in a sealed envelope.

**Conclusion:**

**Round Table**:

Micael asked anyone to cash any checks in a timely manner.

Fromy suggested having QR codes on bins in the closet so that you can scan it to know what is in the bin.

**Meeting adjourned at**: 8:14pm

**Next Meeting**: November 14, 2024