

Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

September 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 6:36pm

In Attendance: Courtney Smith, Lynsey Washington, Crystal Shields, Erin Gosik, Christine Hughes, Micael McGovern, Trisha Pearson, Samantha Weigle, Cara Flynn

Minutes from May:

Changes: none

Motion: Christine and Crystal

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer's Report (Micael McGovern): Started to increase the budget for a lot of committees and teachers's room funds

Changes:

Motion: Cara Flynn, Christine Hughes

Principal's Input (Mrs. Pearson):

Home and school partnership are essential for student success. The faculty, staff and I have been hard at work to start the year off on a positive note. We held Popsicles on the Playground, new student tours, emailed teacher letters prior to the start of the school year, Sneak a Peek, planned events to hold throughout the school year, regular home communication (through emailed teacher newsletters, Remind App, Class Dojo, Instagram, Twitter), Back to School Night, and tonight, our first FPA meeting. We look forward to a building a strong partnership with our students' families!

We will continue to encourage and foster our Be the One schoolwide theme (be safe, respectful, responsible and engaged). Through our student incentives of Fish Tix and the Falcon Cart, Golden Fish Tix, and monthly Falcon Fridays, we will recognize and reward students' efforts to Be the One.

Thank you to the FPA! We appreciate all of officers, committee chairs, and volunteers for all of your time and efforts. We truly appreciate your support of the students, and us!

Teacher's Input (Miss Weigle): Thank you for the filtered bottle refill stations, recess cart, and new recess equipment, falcon garden benches and flowers and refrigerator in the faculty lounge.

SPAC Report (Andrea Nikolaus & Micael McGovern):

Reports of Committees:

Recurring Committees:

-Room Parents (Erin Brossman): The Room Parent volunteer paperwork was due last week. Once our Volunteer Coordinator has the information organized, Mrs. Pearson and I will together select a Room Parent for each class. We will also finalize an updated "Room Parent Guidelines" document to share with the selected Room Parents and schedule a meeting to review guidelines and answer questions. I hope to share a list of 2023-24 Room Parents and updated "Room Parent Guidelines" at our October meeting.

-Volunteer Coordinator (Crystal Shields): the software has some new updates and changes and it's not the easiest to add names and do the reports. Information roll over works great but the reports are not user friendly, can't put it to excel, doing the volunteer emails from scratch not using the program because the emails sent from the program go to spam. Making a decision on whether or not the program is worth keeping by December. New welcome packet changes to the volunteer form made things easier.

-Sunshine Committee (Crystal Shields): September email will be sent out soon

-Sculpture Garden (Crystal Shields): Will send out an email to see who wants to place orders a few times a year.

-Indoor Recess Bags (Cara Flynn): Completed the week before school and dropped off to classrooms

-Falcon Cart (Tiffany Geiger): First cart is October 2-6

-Falcon Garden (Christine Baker): We bought new pots for the front of the school and have some nice flowers in them for the Fall season. The flowers in the Falcon Garden are also looking really good. I would love to get a list of volunteers to help with weeding. Hope to schedule that soon.

-Professional Recognition (Andrea Carbo): Has a list of staff that falls into this category, first date is custodians day October 2.

-Family Engagement Committee (Lindsay Gregg): This is a new committee this year. The goal of this committee is to engage new families coming to Farmdale, all throughout the year. The new students will receive a “Farmdale welcome bag” from the FPA that will have a Farmdale shirt (same as the DASH shirts) and a few other Farmdale things. We will also provide the family with more info about the FPA, how they can get involved and they will have the opportunity to be paired with a “seasoned” Farmdale family to help them integrate into the school community. If you are interested in being paired with a new family to help welcome them to Farmdale, reach out to Lindsay.

Fall Committees:

-Family Movie Night (Lindsay Gregg): 9/15 Movie will start at Dusk. Families can begin to arrive around 6:30pm. Food from food trucks will be available for purchase. Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Water will be free. The movie that was selected was Elemental.

-Falcon Dash (Melissa Reihart): The dash kicked off last Thursday. We have six shirt sponsors this year, with two new businesses included. We have earned \$10,322 so far, with our goal being \$25,000. Additional prizes will be added over the next three weeks. Due to the Hempfield Barnstormers night, prize bags will be distributed on Monday instead of Friday this week. A parent expressed their concern in regards to the online fees. At the request of participating schools, Get Movin’ added an option to allow sponsors to pay the processing fee so that schools would receive more money. This is a strictly voluntary process. Last year, we were able to keep 97% of our online donations thanks to the generosity of our donors. Ensuring the safety of our family’s financial information is very important and this company is able to provide that security. Please feel free to talk to Melissa Reihart, if you have any additional questions. We have roughly 14-16 volunteers currently to help on Dash day. Due to the Dash being so early in the year, it is hard for us to utilize the volunteer sign ups from the FPA packets. We will do our best contacting volunteers once we receive the list. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Melissa Reihart. We are looking for all day volunteers who have their clearances filed with the district.

-Trunk or Treat (Lindsay Gregg): 10/29, from 1-2pm. More information to come. We will need families to volunteer to decorate a trunk and a few parents to help with parking.

- Fall Book Fair** (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): 10/30-11/3 Wednesday 11/1 6:00-7:30pm family shopping
- FES Discount Cards** (Crystal Shields): going to request some feedback on the businesses on this card.
- **Staff Appreciation Fall** (Tiffany Geiger): No Updated
- Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop** (Christine Hughes): 11/7: Picking out the crafts, discussing the way to get out the volunteer sign up list, sending out vendor sign ups within the next week, and will send out request for volunteers to last years list of volunteers, need more volunteers. Will be doing a free craft for every student again this year.
- Winter Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): 11/1-11/14 Will be ready and sent home with students before the winter break.

Spring Committees:

- Family Fun Night** (Lindsay Gregg): 2/15 We are looking at doing a Valentines Bingo theme. More to come.
- 6th Grade T-Shirts** (Cara Flynn): Working with Jaxxon again, will update quote in the spring.
- Kindergarten T-Shirts** (Courtney Smith/Erin Gosik): plan is to follow the design of “class of 2036” in gray, with all the kids names on it, with Farmdale logo.
- Yearbook** (Erin Gosik): Due end of March
- Spring Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): 4/1- 4/15 No update
- FPA Family Dance** (Aubrey Day): 4/5 No update
- Festival** (Jamie Kopp): 5/3 No update
- Festival Auction** (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): 5/3 No update
- Staff Appreciation Spring** (Tiffany Geiger): No update
- FES Scholarship** (Micael McGovern): No update
- Spring Book Fair** (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): 5/6 - 5/10 Literacy night/Family shopping 6:00-7:30 May 8
- Hershey Park Tickets** (Crystal Shields): No update

New Business:

Announcements:

The auction chairs Pam Swan and Jess Brandt are looking to create a committee to help with raising funds and donations for the EOY auction that will be held during our Festival. Please reach out to Pam crimson782@hotmail.com or Jess jessak02@comcast.net if you are interested.

Conclusion:

Round Table:

Giftcard raffle winner: Crystal Shields chose Firehouse subs

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 8:28pm

Next Meeting: October 12, 2023