

# Farmdale FPA Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2024

**Meeting called to order at:** 6:37

**-In Attendance:** Jamie Kopp, Melissa Reihart, Crystal Shields, Courtney Smith, Christine Baker, Samantha Weigle, Trisha Pearson, Erin Gosik, Christine Hughes, Cara Flynn, Micael McGovern

**Minutes from November:**

-Changes:

-Motion: Crystal Shields and Christine Baker.

## Reports of Officers:

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

-Changes: paid for Chris Ivey assembly, fall scholastic book fair, staff holiday lunch, discount cards, downpayment for bounce houses for the festival, paid for the winter concert, teachers are on the ball with reimbursements, paid a couple of regular bills like insurance etc.

We need to tackle our small games of chance license at this meeting.

-Motion: Jamie Kopp, Melissa Reihart

**Principal's Input** (Mrs. Pearson): Stay connected with us by signing up for the FES eNews. You will receive weekly emails providing information about the week ahead. You will also receive the Farmdale Flashback newsletter summarizing key events and information from the previous month.

Some events student engaged in since our last meeting include:

- Friday Fun Day before the holidays- pajama day, all school bingo over the announcements, and a sing along
- Mini Meets- monthly meetings, led by Mrs. DeArment and Mrs. Pearson, with grade levels to focus on Glows (compliments), Grows (things to work on), and Go (fun events in the month ahead)
- Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament- schoolwide event with the finals taking place at the January Falcon Friday assembly

- February Kindness Month- class random acts of kindness, weekly kindness challenge for students, making a building kindness quilt (paper), letter writing or pictures to a faculty/staff member
- Students have taken mid-year Benchmark and Diagnostic Assessments to assess strengths and needs
- Mid-Year Data Meetings were held with teachers to review data, discuss students' strengths/needs, and collaborate on future plans

**Teacher's Input** (Miss Weigle):

Thank you for your continued support over these winter months! Students are excited for the upcoming BINGO night. Thank you for providing a fun Falcon Cart shopping week. The holiday breakfast was amazing. Thank you to everyone who donated food items, gift baskets, and helped the morning of. We appreciated you thinking of us! The bulletin boards and windows look amazing! Here is a message from Mrs. DeArment:

FPA,

Thank you SO much for thinking of me during National School Counselings Week. I am so appreciative of the treats, giftcard, and the PAW-some sign outside of my door. We are so lucky to have such an amazing parent association at Farmdale. You all spoil us. I appreciate all you do for the students and staff.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Allison

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

We talked about the following topics:

- 1) House Bill 1507, requires students to have either 180 days in school or 900 hours of school. If the district were to restructure the school days or calendar, what would parents prefer? PDE hasn't issued the state regulations yet, but the district was wanting parent feedback from SPAC members.
- 2) They wanted to know SPAC's opinion of a second parent /teacher conference, is this something parents would find useful.

3) We addressed concerns of s

Social Media:the district uses their website to communicate, not social media. If you have questions on what you see on social media, please check HD website or your school.

Threats: if your student is fearful for their safety or the safety of others, please have them contact their teacher, school, or Saft To Say Hotline (this hotline has a real person respond)

Bathroom Issues: There has been a total of five fights in all of the districts bathrooms this year. If your student is uncomfortable using a public bathroom, every school has several single user bathrooms for use.

Transportation: The district would like to encourage all parents to have the Stopfinder App and if they have any after hours transportation questions please contact STA Dispatch 717-459-3803

4) If you have a concern with your student and you don't know who to contact, please reference the flow chart on the district website. But most likely you should start with your student's teacher, then the building principal.

5) The feasibility study is almost done. The district is currently gathering their priorities, figuring out the costs, and looking at the best options of the study. Feb 13th board meeting is slated to have a presentation of options and work proposed projects. Feb 27th meeting is proposed to have a follow up discussion and a look at finances.

6) We spoke about how groups of people could reserve space within the school, and how groups that work with the school can submit information to be given to the students.

Tier 1 School PTO event/principal must approve/FMX report.

Tier 2 School or PTO sponsoring event/principal must approve/ flier must be submitted to superintendent's office for approval/ event not in school.

7) Logo Usage-if you need the image for the logos, please contact Kelly Burkholder for the proof.

8) ELA Pilot Update: We are currently piloting two programs for ELA, Wit and Wizdom and Savvas. In March, there will be a board presentation with data and writing assessments, PVAFS growth data, and feedback. The district will be

sending parents surveys in regards to their experiences. Please be on the lookout for that email. An ELA recommendation will be made at the end of the school year.

## **Reports of Committees:**

### **Recurring Committees:**

**-Room Parents** (Erin Brossman): Mrs. Reisinger reached out to say that multiple parents have completed clearances since the beginning of the school year (when our original volunteer information was distributed). She wanted to encourage Room Parents to check with her to see if they have new potential classroom volunteers. Room Parents received a mid-year “check-in” email from me at the end of last month and I included this information.

**-Volunteer Coordinator** (Crystal Shields): sign up geniuses for events should be made by event chairs with the volunteers email list, and the list should go out to ALL email addresses on that list.

**-Sunshine Committee** (Crystal Shields): Lindsay Gregg is doing Feb, Erin Gosik is doing March, still need April and May.

**-Sculpture Garden** (Crystal Shields): Printing order forms for Thursday folders, will send home, so far one order has been placed.

**-Indoor Recess Bags** (Cara Flynn): none

**-Falcon Cart** (Tiffany Geiger): none

**-Falcon Garden** (Christine Baker): Holiday planters were done in December, waiting for March to plant pansies. Home Depot donated fifty 50 pound bags of soil.

**-Professional Recognition** (Andrea Carbo): delivered Barnes and Nobles gift card and treats and pens for school counselors week. Melissa Reihart posted appreciation poster outside Mrs. DeArments office door.

**-Family Engagement Committee** (Lindsay Gregg): We are ordering items that will be given out to new students this year and next. If you have any ideas of what we can provide to new students coming in, send ideas to Lindsay. We currently have in the works: A FES cup, FES T-shirt, FES Tattoos, and a welcome letter from FPA.

### **Fall Committees:**

**-Family Movie Night** (Lindsay Gregg): This is Lindsay's last year doing Movie night due to her fall schedule. We are looking for a replacement.

**-Falcon Dash** (Melissa Reihart): none

**-Trunk or Treat** (Lindsay Gregg): This is Lindsay's last year doing Movie night due to her fall schedule. We are looking for a replacement. Possibly Alexis Ayrton.

**-Fall Book Fair** (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom):

**-FES Discount Cards** (Crystal Shields): orders have been trickling in the last few weeks, ordered 350 cards and sold about 250 cards already.

**-Staff Appreciation Fall** (Tiffany Geiger): none

**-Holiday Craft/Holiday Shop** (Christine Hughes): – Post Event Summary –

**Attendance: 120 children (approximate) || Crafts Sold: 440 || Volunteers: 27**

The most popular craft was a wooden gnome (something to consider when selecting classroom crafts). Conducted post-event survey and wanted to share information that applies to other FPA events, Room Parents, etc.:

- Use line queue poles to allow more people in the lobby (and out of the cold) - IMPLEMENTING THIS FOR BINGO on 2/15!
- Parents are looking for crafts like:
  - Wooden ornament their children could color/paint
  - Cookie decorating
  - Handmade cards
  - Handprint crafts (cards, hand towels)
  - New Year's themed crafts
  - Tree bark ornaments to paint/color
  - Decorating a mug
- Parents would enjoy additional offerings at the event, like (a) Photos with Santa - or maybe a Snowman, FES Falcon mascot, (b) holiday raffle, (c) balloon artists, (d) food, (e) games, (f) story time, (g) card making station for letters to FES (instead of letters to Santa)
- Takeaways for 2024: Distributing all pre-ordered crafts at check-in and position volunteers to help and craft samples at the front of the cafe. Vendors with lower priced items instead of pre-packaged holiday shop OR a new holiday shop company to vary items for purchase.

**-Winter Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): Provided spiritwear for the BINGO BOARD in the lobby, for book fair family shopping night prize wheel, for VIP dance raffle, possibly for Bingo night and the Festival Auction raffle. All orders were delivered.

### **Spring Committees:**

**-Family Fun Night** (Lindsay Gregg): **Bingo** is on 2/15 and we currently have around 200 people signed up (adults and students). We will offer BINGO, board games, and a free hotdog meal (as supplies last). We will have a surprise Bingo caller. :) If you haven't RSVP'd, please do so. Also, we need volunteers! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084EABAB23A1FA7-47814482-family>

**\*\*\*Need: If 2-3 people would be willing to bring a crock-pot to keep hotdogs warm until they are served, that would be wonderful!\*\*\***

**-6th Grade T-Shirts** (Cara Flynn): getting updated pricing

**-Kindergarten T-Shirts** (Courtney Smith/Erin Gosik): kindergarten teachers already got signatures from all 4 classes, working on pricing from a few companies.

**-Yearbook** ( Erin Gosik): Yearbooks on sale now-Feb 29. Will have everything uploaded by the beginning of April.

**-Spring Spiritwear** (Cara Flynn): Online store opens 4/1- 4/15

**-FPA Family Dance** (Aubrey Day): 4/5 working with Mrs. Pearson to make changes to the dance.

**-Festival** (Jamie Kopp): 5/3 reserved inflatables and some games, made deposit. Looking into booking a pirate ship ride in the grass.

**-Festival Auction** (Jessica Brandt and Pam Swan): 5/3 We have been out requesting items and received a large soil donation.

**-Staff Appreciation Spring** (Tiffany Geiger): upcoming meals in March and May.

**-FES Scholarship** (Micael McGovern): Will not accept incomplete packages, due March 22, 2024. Any senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA and has been a Farmdale student for at least 4 years, \$500, for two people, volunteer for 32 hours this school year, or be in a club this school year. Topic for essay submission.

‘As we navigate the emerging landscape of artificial intelligence (AI), its potential to revolutionize every aspect of our society is undeniable. From improving healthcare

outcomes and advancing educational tools to mitigating climate change and enhancing public safety, AI holds the promise of significant societal benefits. Write a 300-500 word essay exploring how AI could be utilized to address a pressing issue facing society today. Consider the following in your response: what specific problems would you like AI to solve? How might AI offer a solution where previous attempts have fallen short? What ethical considerations should be taken into account in the development and deployment of AI solutions? Lastly, discuss the importance of the younger generation, especially in today's high school seniors, in shaping the future of AI to ensure it serves the greater good.'

**-Spring Book Fair** (Aubrey Day/Natalie Fantom): Date changed to 4/8-4/12 from 5/6 - 5/10. Family shopping will take place 5:30-7:30 4/9 at OBOS event

**-Hershey Park Tickets** (Crystal Shields): end of April due but will have them back the end of March. Sending out order forms next thursday folders.

### **New Business:**

Dad Security: (for next school year) 6-8 Dads with clearances to help with events like the Dash, Movie night, Trunk or treat, Dance, Festival, FPA will provide an FES security shirt. Meet with Mrs. Pearson at the beginning of the year to set expectations.

Games of chance license: Decided on renewing annual license for \$125 for use at Dance and Auction raffles.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Planned February posts: Sculpture garden order forms, Hershey Park tickets, upcoming kindness month spirit days, Can the Van food drive, Transportation 'Stop Finder App', open committee chair positions; Dance co-chair, book fair co chair, yearbook, sunshine, holiday craft night, movie night, and bingo night, trunk or treat? And field day.

### **Announcements:**

All committee chairs who have EVENTS must submit FMX reports to Christine Hughes (VP) minimum 8 weeks before your scheduled event, to make sure that we can get everything you need and reserve the location, tables, chairs and make accommodations to move FASER or move basketball etc etc.

Committee chairs who hold events and print fliers can now only use black and white at school, color printing can be done elsewhere within your budget.

**Conclusion:**

**Round Table:** nothing

**Gift Card raffle winner:** Courtney Smith Panera

**Adjournment:**

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:17

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2024