



FARMINGDALE ELEMENTARY PTC MEETING

Minutes for Approval ● September 19, 2023 ● Farmingdale

Attending: Pandora Gray, Michael DeVos, Stephanie Solomon, Cali Welch, Kelly Sneed, Danielle Scott, Andrea Donahue, Paxton Langheim, Kayci LeFlore, Jaime Doering, Abby Bretz, Jenny Darnell, Jessica Green, Kim Dively, Caitlin Mahoney, Michele Stehling, Jenny Metzroth, Taylor Upchurch

- I. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm by Pandora Gray
- II. Officer Reports
 - A. **Secretary** (Jaime Doering): Approve minutes from last meeting on Aug 22, 2023- 1st Kayci LeFlore, 2nd Kim Dively. Minutes approved.
 - B. **Treasurer** (Kayci LeFlore): Recently paid for new microphone for Inclusion Speaker and HandBid for the year. Will be paying for 2nd grade field trip to Bomke's Patch.
 - C. **Corresponding Secretary** (Rachel Price- absent): September newsletter went out last week. Will try to do newsletter monthly but may combine some months in the future. Bulletin board was updated this week and is a throwback to when the teachers were kids. Let Rachel know if anything needs put on Facebook or website. Can also help with making copies/sending home info. With the recent Secretary change/transition, recommend sending really specific emails so it's easy for Amy/Mr. Yates/etc. to send out. Class bonus requests: 2 have been approved and purchased so far (Monke and McFadden) and another received today.
- III. Program/Event/Committee Reports
 - A. **Teacher Appreciation** (Stephanie Solomon): Having event Thursday 9/21 which will be tailgate theme. Next event will be PT Conference Dinner and then we plan on next one sometime this winter. More volunteers are welcome.
 - B. **Summer Reading** (Melissa Luxmore- absent): Total Number of Reading Participants School-Wide: 88. Total Minutes Read School-Wide: 90,891. Top Readers by Grade-Level: Ellis Brokaw for 1st grade with 3,152 minutes, Killian Sheppard for 2nd grade with 5,696 minutes, Parker Kendrick for 3rd grade with 2,805 minutes, Landon Sheppard for 4th grade with 6,692 minutes. Top Readers are invited to an outdoor pizza picnic this Friday, September 22nd at 11:10 am, and they can bring one Farmingdale Elementary friend of their choice.
 - C. **Fall Fundraiser** (Pandora Gray): Fundraiser is currently ongoing. Due this Friday, Sept 22. Recent question: will people get notified if any online sales? Answer is no, but they can contact company to be notified.
 - D. **School Store** (Pandora Gray): School store opens this Thursday/Friday and we've got a big group of volunteers!
 - E. **Family Fun Nights** (Stephanie Solomon): September 29th at Bomke's Patch. We are also looking to do one at Skateland in February and then looking for December option. Bounce Tag was mentioned and will be researched.

- F. **Fall Carnival** (Stephanie Solomon): October 14th. We need to figure out where the food truck is going to go since construction adds location problems. Kim Dively will be added to HandBid so she can setup event soon and tickets can be sold online. We are thinking of doing same prices for both online and in person tickets this year. Early birds will get more tickets for the price. Working on getting raffle license. We will be doing temporary tattoos and hair tinsels this year. Signs are also out in front of the school to advertise. Caitlin Mahoney and Cali Welch are in charge of the bake sale. We will be doing Sign Up Genius for that. Always could use more volunteers.
- G. **PT Conference Dinner** (Stephanie Solomon): more details to come.
- IV. Old Business
- A. **UIS Class Acts** (Michael DeVos): Kindergarten is not attending this year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades are going to *The Stinky Cheese Man* on February 5th. 4th Grade is going to *Number the Stars* on January 22nd.
- V. New Business
- A. **Fall Parties** (Stephanie Solomon): Fall Parties are on Oct 20th. Times for all classes have been set. There is no parent limit for the parties.
- B. **Trunk or Treat** (Alyssa Tusek- absent): Will be on Oct 29th. Save the date has been sent out along with sign up information.
- C. **Taxes** (Kayci LeFlore / Ashley Welch- absent): More details to come.
- VI. **Teacher Representative** (Mrs. Jenny Leinberger- absent): Thank you for the breakfast on the Teacher Inservice Day, the welcome back to school bulletin board and the Card My Yard sign for Open House. I have shared information on the classroom teacher supply fund and the budget for furniture items with the teachers. Fundraiser seems to be running smoothly. The students are enjoying earning their lanyards/pets. I have emailed classroom teachers to let them know that students will be bringing in Fall Carnival items. Stephanie Solomon will be picking those items up. Thanks in advance for the kickoff tailgate party (Thursday) and the monthly teacher appreciation treats for this year! Please try and give me heads up on the date of those each month so I can be sure to check if there are any conflicts.
- VII. **Principal Comments** (Mr. Jamie Yates): Open House went very well. Having a Friday evening Open House seemed to work for most everyone. Gym construction is moving right along. Mrs. Shannon was hired to be the new Farmingdale Principal starting 2024-2025 school year. Board Meeting next Monday (Sept 25th). This meeting will be the budget hearing, please attend if interested. PPHS Council will be helping Mr. Yates greet Farmingdale kids in the mornings this week. Starter Strings (Youth Symphony) is now welcoming 2nd graders. Looking forward to starting that this year.
- VIII. **Open Forum / Discussion / Announcements:** New secretary to be hired soon. Probably will be setting up general email address for all secretary needs, questions, etc. so that anyone who needs access can have it in the future.
- IX. **Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn meeting. 1st Jenny Darnell, 2nd Stephanie Solomon. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.