

Farmingdale PTC Meeting
Minutes for Approval
September 20, 2022
Farmingdale Elementary School

Attending: Rachel Price, Melissa Luxmore, Michele Stehling, Ashley Welch, Jamie Yates, Ann Gemberling, Kim Deters, Kayci LeFlore, Jill Henry, Autumn Devos, Jennifer Schoenherr, Marissa Ashbaugh, Jaime Doering, Caitlin Mahoney, Pandora Grey, Brooke Wallner

I. Call to order @ 7:03 pm by Rachel Price

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Approve Minutes: Secretary (*Melissa Luxmore subbing for Courtney Krohe*): Approved minutes from last meeting on August 23, 2022– 1st Ashley Welch; 2nd Kayci LeFlore

IV. Officer Reports

A. **Treasurer** (*Ashley Welch*): Total Assets: \$53,415.33 (checking and savings). Motion to approve— 1st Michele Stehling; 2nd Ann Gemberling

B. **Corresponding Secretary** (*Jenny Canny- via report*): Newsletter is going out this week.

V. Program/Event/Committee Reports

A. **Teacher Appreciation/Staff Appreciation** (*Rachel Price & Melissa Luxmore*): For those interested in helping with staff appreciation, Rachel created a shared document where others can sign up for a day, theme, etc. and have a designated budget. This Friday, September 23rd Melissa Luxmore & Maggie Adkins will be setting up a trail mix bar in the staff lounge for Farmingdale Elementary staff members.

B. **Summer Reading Program** (*Melissa Luxmore*): Last year we had 62 participants; this year we had 89! Top winners by grade level were announced today. They are: Killian Sheppard (1st grade); Lucas Hackler (2nd grade); Landon Sheppard (3rd grade); John Yeagle (4th grade). Prize bags will be distributed this Friday and each includes a gift card to Target, Book Fair \$, and candy. Top readers for each grade level will also get to attend a pizza party picnic with a VIP guest of their choice— taking place on Thursday, September 29th at 11:00 am. All participants will also receive a certificate.

C. **Fall Fundraiser** (*Rachel Price*): Fundraiser is in full swing. Runs September 9th-23rd. The goal is to get the bulk of packets collected by this Friday, September 23rd, but we do accept them late if necessary. Kids are getting their prizes for selling and have been very excited.

D. **School Store** (*Rachel Price*): The store is live as of September 15th. K and 1st on Thursdays, 2nd, 3rd and 4th on Fridays. Per Michele Stehling, last Friday, September 16th, we made \$200 in one morning!

E. **Family Fun Night** (*Michele Stehling*): Family Night at Bomke's Pumpkin Patch is this coming Friday night, September 23rd. They give us a portion back of all their sales that evening. It's a gathering for Plains families on a common date. The kids on Friday will all go home with a tag connected to a glow stick that they can take that night. There will be a glow maze at Bomke's, Hocus Pocus will be playing, a food truck will be available, etc. There will be a few more Family Fun Nights this year. Goal is to maybe do a skate night in the winter and then something else in the spring.

F. **Fall Carnival** (*Michele Stehling on behalf of Erin Vaughn & Stephanie Solomon*): Things are coming along. Tickets are being sold online. Sponsorships are coming in as well which helps cover the carnival costs each year. Reminders will be going home this week and next week as well. Some games will take place outside, and a few inside as well. Weather is looking great so far. Still looking for volunteers which are key to success of event. This year there is also a bake sale happening which is fun and new. Kelly Behl and Sam Cuzzort are running that. The theme for the Fall Carnival is "At the Movies". There will be a raffle as part of the ticket sales. The prizes will include a blow up movie screen, renting out Jacksonville's theater, and a gift basket.

G. **Class Parties** (*Michele Stehling*): Room parents organize and coordinate the class parties for each teacher. We have a Fall, Winter and Valentine's Day party. He or she sends out a flyer asking for help from other parents and for parents to attend. This year we have a limit of 8

parents attending each classroom party. There can be a snack station again rather than just treat bags to go. All classes have been assigned a room parent for the 2022-2023 school year.

- H. **Trunk or Treat** (*Alyssa Tusek & Lara Donovan*): Trunk or Treat is taking place on October 30, 2022. Flyer recently went out. There is a link on the flyer to sign up to host a trunk and there is a prize for the best trunk. Last year there were at least 30 trunks signed up.

VI. Old Business:

A. Playground Updates:

1. **Tree information:** Paul's Tree Farm sometimes has trees that are overstocked and currently has Accolade Elms they'd be happy to donate and possibly waive the installation fee. Otherwise, for 2 mature Maples, it would be approximately \$1405 each (\$2810 total), and that price includes tree, delivery, installation, mulch, root injections and a 2-year warranty. Melissa Luxmore will gather more information as to maturity of the elms and whether they'd be the right fit for our shade needs or if we'd rather go with the Maples.
2. **Paint:** Painting of the back playground (3rd and 4th grade area): Basketball lines, four-square, kickball field, etc. It was suggested to use traffic paint since that area is parked on all the time and it would provide more durability. On regular concrete playground (1st and 2nd grade area): We could stripe that, add four-square, kickball, etc. as well. Stick to simple additions for now.

- B. **Bathroom Beautification:** Jenny Canny is researching; more on this next time once she knows the number of stalls needing decorated.

VII. New Business:

A. Committee/Volunteer Openings

1. Lots of volunteers helping but still needing more. Looking specifically for someone willing to take on the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. This involves talking to their representative, selecting a timeline for the fundraiser, getting the packets home to kids, collecting and getting them back to the rep from Texas Roadhouse. If interested in helping with auction as well, please let us know
2. It was proposed to move the next PTC meeting to Wednesday, November 16th (instead of Tuesday, November 15th). All attendees were in agreement and the meeting will be moved.

VIII. Teacher Representative (*Jenny Leinberger via report*): She'll be doing a spirit-wear again as a fundraiser for PTC. She's hoping to send the information out after fall fundraiser & carnival, possibly in October. Hoping to offer shirts and other Plains attire that could be here in time for holiday gifts, etc.

IX. Principal Comments (*Jamie Yates*):

- A. K-2 playground is fixed. Holes have been repaired.
- B. Angel Tree Fundraiser is approaching— Mrs. Ferraro and Mrs. Greer are in charge of that with Mr. Yates' help.
- C. Wanting to know if PTC would be willing to assist with breakfast items for Veterans Day. Planning to make some changes this year and make the assembly a 4th grade privilege in terms of which students can invite (all students would be able to still attend) and this is in an effort to try and reduce the number of people in the building as capacity is always a struggle.
- D. Second buzzer for the front office is still happening but is on back order.
- E. Still in need of bus drivers. There will come a time when double routes have to occur because of the shortage. Also needing teacher aides and substitutes.

X. Open Forum/Discussion/Announcements:

- A. We did buy a new paper cutter out of PTC funds for staff to keep in the front office.
- B. We reserved tickets for UIS plays (all grades get to go this year) and will pay for those out of PTC funds.

XI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting— 1st Ashley Welch; 2nd Autumn Devos. Meeting adjourned @ 8:01 pm.