

FSO Minutes for 4-10-17

6:06pm called to order

Attendance: Rebecca McParland, Lee Thao, Cindy Schreiber, Maria Barrett, Laura Saatzer, Anitra Krogman, Jim Yang, and Chris Yang, Bridget Johnson, Joselin Hernandez

Review Minutes - Under Mr. Bell's Principal Report it should read "45%" not "\$%". M/S/A

Review Agenda - Addition under New Business "Teacher Appreciation Breakfast" and Guest Speaker "Family Values for Life". M/S/A

Principal's Report

Ms Saatzer-

The Conference meal was provided by the FSO is greatly appreciated – Thank you! The conferences were also well attended as usual.

There will be a few MCA make-ups this week for Reading and Math testing will begin on Monday, April 17 beginning with 3rd grade and 4th grade the following week.

Thank you for the Book Fair Bucks. The money was for the students, who participated, to purchase a new book at the book fair.

Financial Literacy Assembly for grades 2-4 on Thursday, April 13. Presenters from Sunrise Bank.

School Budget Meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 in the library. Look for a survey that will be going out Wednesday, April 12th.

MN Boys Choir will be Performing a concert for the students on Wed., May 10 at 3:00.

Mr Bell presented by Mr Yang –

Top 7 Non-negotiables for Farnsworth students has been sent out to all students and families to be reviewed.

Science Fair Family Night had great attendance with around 150 people showing up. Teachers shared lots of great information regarding science fair projects, including how to work with partners, the different steps to follow and the timeline for this year's Science Fair.

On April 13th Sinfonia will be visiting our school from 9:30am-12pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Conference meal provided by the FSO was greatly appreciated.

MCA Math tests will be starting this week.

PBIS is planning on a spring dance on May 5th. More details to follow.

Aerospace Report

Ms. Schreiber-

Science Fair Parent Night for 5th-8th Grade- This event was held on March 16th to help 5th graders parents and those new to our school learn how to prepare for the Science Fair.

Aerospace Support- Parents, Staff and students attended the March 21st School Board Meeting to give statements to the School Board during Public Comments supporting Aerospace after an article in the Pioneer Press stated possible cuts. The School Board said they had no plans to cut Aerospace.

CSE 7th Grade Event -on March 30th around 70 7th graders went to the University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering to participate in a metro wide event for 7th graders. This exposed student to college students who demonstrated different Engineering and Science concepts. The event included traveling from room to room at Coffman Union and ended with a Physics show at Northrup Auditorium.

Pilots from WIA (Women in Aviation—North Star Chapter) visited our 2nd grade classrooms today. They explained their jobs and what it takes to be a pilot.

Upcoming Aerospace/Extended Learning trips:

7th Grade to Washington DC (36 students) – April 20th-25th, Parent meeting this Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 in auditorium

5th Grade to Seattle, Washington (32 students)-May 5th-9th

2nd & 3rd Grade Parent/Child Overnight to Omaha Nebraska-May 6th-7th- Applications will be coming out tomorrow. Only 25 students and their parent will be attending, please get them in as soon as possible. I will be dating them as they come in.

4th Grade EAA Aviation Camp- (64 students) May 16th-18th & May 23-25th- Applications will be coming out April 17th

Questions please contact me.

Upcoming Events:

May 11th – Science Showcase Night- K-4 will be showcasing their Science Activities at this showcase: Each grade level will do a special activity, showing or demonstrating or presenting science fair projects.

May 26th - Space Day Activities at Farnsworth PK-4, 5-8th and Johnson High School. Come and see what your child's classroom is doing.

Treasurers' Report was not available. Fall Fundraiser Dates for 2017-2018 School Year are as follows. September 22nd kickoff, October 3rd sale ends, October 6th monies due, November 11th delivery.

Special Guest Speaker - Ms. Johnson came introduced herself to the group and talked about Family Values for Life. Family Values for Life is a nonprofit organization that connects families to community resources that support strong, healthy families. FVL is affiliated with the First Covenant Church located across the street for our lower campus at 1280 Arcade Street. They have many events and programs such as Mother/Daughter Tea, Fundraising Breakfast, summer programs, and weekly workshops for women. Ms Johnson is the newly appointed Community Outreach Advocate and looks forward to working with all Farnsworth families and staff. She has many connections that may be useful to many of our families.

Open Forum-

Kindergarten Round-up will also include students and families that are new to Farnsworth. This year the event will take place on Thursday, May 18th from 5:30-6:30pm.

Restorative Practices not really used at the lower campus a lot. Mr. Thao has some experience and had lead some circles where appropriate. Johnson and Farnsworth Upper both use Restorative Practices.

Old Business:

Sashes Update – All sashes are ready for Awards Ceremonies in the Spring. Foundation Teachers at the Upper Campus received them last week. Extra new sashes are available at both buildings.

Award Ceremonies Update – Lower Campus June 9th. Upper Campus June 8th and 10th (tentative).

Annual Pins – Is being ordered by Lower Campus this week.

Movie Night – Farnsworth Movie Night is May 3rd. Farnsworth souvenirs will be awarded to first movie goers under the age of 10. Our Eagle Mascot will hopefully be in attendance. Movie selection will be announced as soon as we have that information.

New Business:

Recap of School Board Meeting – Approximately 30 people attended the SPPS School Board Meeting due to information given to us regarding cuts for the 2017-2018 school year. Two parents and one staff member spoke to the school board and many students made and held up signs in support of our Aerospace Program. After the group spoke to the school board, SPPS School Board Chairman informed the group that there was not any talk of cutting our funding. Thank you to all who attended this meeting. It was a great turnout on short notice.

Adjourn at 7:15pm M/S/A

Next Meeting May 8th, 2017

Suggested Agenda Items:

New Student Orientation

2017-2018 Budget Update

This **unapproved meeting minutes** were submitted by Anitra Krogman Co-treasurer