

FSO Minutes for 3-13-17

6:06pm called to order

Attendance: Fue Vang, Lee Thao, Claudia Rosales, Cindy Schreiber, Maria Barrett, Laura Saatzer, Anitra Krogman, Jim Yang, Melissa Cole, and Chris Yang, Shawn Davenport, Hamilton Bell, Andre Mizelle Toni Kostoris, Keesha Pfeifer, Yee Vang.

Minutes were amended. Under Aerospace Report "Johns" should be Johnson, and "nigh" should be "night". Under Open Forum "move" should be "movie". Amended minutes were M/S/A

Agenda was M/S/A

Treasurers' Report was filed

Principal's Report

Mr Bell

MCA's are underway in our school. Check the website for a detailed schedule. Last week staff held a MCA pep rally for students complete with staff generated movie, and tips for taking the MCAs. Our school's goals are: %%% proficient in Reading and Math.

On Friday, March 10th the 6th grade participated in a "Respect Retreat" put on in part by the Youth Frontiers group.

Right Track and Ms Cahill are working with 8th graders who are interested in getting a summer job.

Office Referrals for the months on January and February are down considerably from last year. Staff continue to work with students to keep disruptions to a minimum.

Pioneer Press (Josh Vargas) wrote an article about the \$23 million deficit facing St Paul Public Schools. In the article, he mentions aerospace as an area where the school board is looking to make cuts. Parents need to be vocal and get in contact with School board members and voice their concerns. School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st at 5:30pm. If you would like to address the board get their early. There is also a Committee of the Board meeting where parents can voice their concerns. Check the SPPS website for date and times.

The SPPS School Board would like to have a Superintendent placed by April 1st.

Ms Saatzer-

On Friday, March 10th the 4th graders attended a Multi-Cultural Fair at Johnson Senior High School

There was a Science/Engineering Showcase Prep on Friday, March 10th. 4th grade invited parents/guardians in to help with experiments. It was a big hit!

MCAs began today. Schedule is on the website with a link on the right menu bar. Thank you to the FSO for gum/mints.

Spring Concert Grades 1 & 2 will be Wednesday, May 17 at 3:00pm.

Book Fair will be held during conferences which are Tuesday, March 21st, Thursday, March 23rd, and Friday, March 24th.

Aerospace Report

Ms Schreiber

SEALIFE PARENT/CHILD OVERNIGHT FOR K& 1- FEB 24-25TH was a successful night for Kindergarten/1st grade students and their parents. According to their thank you notes, they thoroughly enjoyed sleeping under the fish! They also enjoyed getting a behind the scenes tour. Pizza and donuts were the food they enjoyed, along with getting a Sealife t-shirt and a colored photo to take home with them. An exciting night for all! Thanks to Alison Harris 2nd grade, Alison Hakseth 4th grade and Amanda Wesenberg Reading corps for chaperoning.

ENGINEERING FAIR FAMILY NIGHT- March 2nd PK-8 at the 5-8 building was huge success. We had around 20 different booths. They ranged from Bethel University to 3M to Airline Pilots to drones. A fun night was held, Ms. Carson's room and Ms. Harrilal's room won a recognition treat for the classes with the most students. Again thanks to all who attended and helped out.

ROB ELLOS- Guest Speaker-presented "Apollo to the Moon" to the 1st graders on March 8th. He uses artifacts and a bird to help present. Students learned many things about the Apollo Moon mission in a way they could understand.

SCIENCE FAIR FAMILY NIGHT- this will be to help 5-8th grade students new to the school learn more about the responsibilities that students will need to do and dates for the Science Fair. Some will be choosing a science project. This will be this Thursday, March 16th from 6-7:30 in the auditorium. Last Friday, parents of the 4th graders at the K-4 building came in to help do experiments on Science Fun Fridays. It was great to see students and parents working together. May 11th will be Science Showcase at PK-4 and May 23rd will be Science Fair at the 5-8 building.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS- Washington DC applications went out 2 weeks ago and were due last Monday. Notification of trip participants will be this week. Seattle applications will be going out this week. Oshkosh will be coming out right after Spring Break, along with 2nd and 3rd grade Omaha Trip. Please look for them if you are interested in your child participating.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT U OF M for 7th graders on March 30th. We will be taking 100 students to this event. It is by application only, so look for your 7th grader to bring it home.

Open Forum:

Water bottles were passed out last week at the Upper Campus. This was a couple weeks early so that students could use them during the MCAs.

Old Business:

Movie Night: Our last movie night on Wednesday, March 1st was attended by approx. 110 people. Moana was the featured movie. There will be no movie night in April due to Spring Break. The last two Farnsworth Movie Nights for this year will be on May 3rd and June 7th. On June 7th prizes will be awarded to the first 20 children under the age of 16 the purchase a movie ticket.

Annual Pin: The design contest for our Farnsworth Annual pin is underway. Ms Wakefield is helping students with their entries.

Award Ceremonies for the Lower Campus will be on Thursday, June 8th. The Upper Campus is working on a new way to present awards for the Awards Ceremony. No dates have been set.

New Business:

Generational Fundraising: Mr Chris Yang was contacted about a Fundraising Opportunity. This company would work with us in gathering ideas for a coupon book/sheet that is based on where our families spend their money. They would put the coupons together and we would sell them. Most coupons could be reused and are normally good for one year.

Yearbooks: Mr Xiong (Lower Campus) and Tria Vang (Upper Campus) are the contact people for the yearbooks. April 1st will be the last day for group pictures to be taken. FSO should watch for a bill to Lifetouch for the deposit.

Conference Meals for Staff: Staff are invited to the Teachers' Lounge for a chicken dinner on Tuesday, March 21st. Dinner will be delivered to both campuses at 4pm. This dinner includes grilled chicken and a green salad. Plates, forks, and napkins will be provided. Thanks to all the staff for what they do every day. Dinner is provided by the FSO.

Adjourn at 6:56pm M/S/A

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