

FSO Minutes for 4-10-17

6:08pm called to order

Attendance: Maria Barrett, Laura Saatzer, Anitra Krogman, Chris Yang, Yoselin Hernandez, Lori Abrahamson, Toni Kostoris, Carrie Fraser, Shawn Davenport, Melissa Cole, Dawn Frans, Dawndria Davis, and Hamilton Bell.

Review Minutes – No Amendments M/S/A

Review Agenda - Addition under New Business “Yearbook Sales” and after Agenda Guest Speaker Lori Abrahamson “Track and Field Day”. M/S/A

Track and Field Day is Thursday, June 1st with rain day of Friday, June 2nd. Volunteer signup sheets were passed and will also be coming home with Prek-4 students. Volunteers needed for half the day or all day. Volunteers can stay with their students group or can sign up to run a station. Please signup to help if you can. See Ms. Abrahamson if you have any questions.

Principal's Report

Mr Bell-

Thank you in advance for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast of Bagels and Juice. The Upper Campus also celebrated last week.

The Farnsworth Newsletter for May is out. Please check it out online.

May 4th was new student registration. It was attended by approximately 150 people. Thanks to all the staff and WEB students that helped to make this a successful event.

Changes for the 2017-2018 school year will include 2 full time teachers being cut and class sizes rising to 28-33 students per class.

Ms Saatzer-

MCA Testing is complete. Thank you for the water and mints/gum

MN Boys Choir will be performing a concert for the students on Wed., May 10 at 3:00. All are welcome to attend.

Science & Engineering Showcase is Thursday, May 11 from 5:30-7:00. Please bring your whole family to enjoy this event.

1st & 2nd Grade Choir performance will be Wednesday, May 17 at 3:00. Join us to see what these students have been working on in music class.

New Student Orientation is on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-6:30. FSO will have a table there to greet new parents.

An Interactive Minnesota Map display will be stopping at our school on Friday, May 19 for grades 1-4.

Step Up Day will be Tuesday, May 30. 4th grade students will march to the Upper Campus to tour the campus and see the exciting things they will get to do next year.

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Awards Ceremonies will be on Thursday, June 8 at First Covenant. Please come and help students celebrate their accomplishment this year. The time schedule is as follows.

- 10:00 - 10:50 - Kindergarten
- 11:00 - 11:50 - 2nd Grade
- 1:00 - 1:50 - 3rd Grade
- 2:00 - 2:50 - 1st Grade
- 3:00 - 3:50 - 4th Grade

Budget/Staffing for 2017-2018. School district faces a \$23 million budget shortfall. Total budget cuts for last three years totals \$60 million. Ms Dinger will be retiring. Mr Tyson and Mr Thao will not be returning because they will have accepted other opportunities. We wish they all the best as they start their new adventure. The Content Coach, Bilingual Clerk, Administrative Intern, and .5 ELL teacher positions have been cut.

Aerospace Report

Ms. Schreiber-presented by Mr. Chris Yang

SWE –Woman Engineering Event at Normandale Community College for middle school was attended by 12 of our middle schoolers with science teacher Ms. Scanlon. They participated in fun hands-on activities.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP- Thirty-six students attended the Washington DC trip for 5 days, visiting the Air and Space Museum, Udvar Hazy Museum, the Capitol, and all the monuments.

SEATTLE TRIP- Thirty-Two students are visiting Seattle to see the Museum of Flight, and Boeing factory. They will return on Tuesday.

OMAHA SAC MUSEUM- Eighty-Six 2nd & 3rd Grade students participated in the weekend event in Omaha, Nebraska. They saw the hot air balloon museum, Strategic Air Museum and the zoo. Chaperones Mueller, Vang and Harris attended.

OSHKOSH EAA CAMP- Sixty-four 4th graders will attend the 2 night, 3-day camp in Oshkosh, WI on May 16th-18th or May 23-25th. They will visit the museum and have hands on activities to participate in.

SCIENCE/ENGINEERING FAMILY NIGHT- Students will present all the exciting activities they participated in all year during Science Fun Fridays. Please join us this Thursday from 5:30-7:00. 3rd & 4th Grade Participants will present to Community Partners earlier in the day.

SCIENCE FAIR – at the 5-8 Building will be at May 23rd, presenting to judges and May 25th Awards Day with representatives from the Minnesota Twins.

MURAL UNVEILING- Air Force Association has donated a mural to be unveiled Monday 15th at the 5-8 Auditorium to honor the memory of Minnesotan Tuskegee Airman Kenneth Wofford.

SPACE DAY- May 26th - Farnsworth PK-4, 5-8 and Johnson High School will be participating Friday May 26th. Ask your student what they did for Space Day!

Treasurers' Report Filed

Open Forum-

Award ceremony times for Upper Campus can be found on the May Newsletter.

On Wednesday, June 7th the 7th the 8th graders will be going to Valleyfair.

Along with the mural unveiling there will also be a dedication plaque awarded.

Mr Chris Yang and the SCIT at the Upper Campuses will be discussing the possibility of starting an Advisory Council for our school.

The PBIS Cinco De Mayo dance on Friday May 5th was enjoyed by the students and staff. Thank you to all staff that helped make this event successful.

Old Business:

New Business:

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Restorative Practices- This Year Restorative Practices was implemented at the Upper Campus. RP circles were conducted in Foundation classes on Mondays. The plan is to continue this for the next school year. The RP team would like to reach out to parents more and have more staff and parents attend restorative practice training. The training is done by the Minnesota Department of Education. 1x Staff members will be attending the National Training. The RP team will be meeting over the summer with other RP schools' teams. The First Impressions Multicultural group is RP group of students that meet once a week. Approximately thirty students are in this group and they work on team building projects.

Teacher Appreciation- FSO members will be delivering bagels and orange juice tomorrow morning for all staff members in honor of teacher appreciation day. Thank you to all staff members for all you do.

Kindergarten/New Student Round-up at Lower Campus- New Student Orientation is on Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-6:30. FSO will have a table there to greet new parents.

Changes for 2017-2018 School Year- (see Principals' reports)

Award Ceremonies- (See Principals' reports and Open Forum)

Windigo (Renewable Energy Challenge Team)- The REC team was invited to the National Competition in Anaheim, California. The team consists of 10 students and two staff. They are currently raising money for airfare, lodging and food to go on this trip. There is a Razoo crowdfunding page where people can make donations. They also host the May movie night and will be packing groceries at Cub in Maplewood on May 21st from 11am-4pm. So far, the team has raised \$2755 from 45 donors. Their goal is \$9250. Please consider donating if you are able. Go Windigos!

Yearbooks- Year books are in. They can be purchased on line. Pa will be selling them at the Lower Campus. Mr. Bell will be considering the best way to sell them at the Upper Campus. He thought during Foundation class would be the easiest. FSO plans to have them available at all Award Ceremonies. A question was asked about parents oversee the yearbook. Would it violate privacy policy? Both Principals are looking in to it.

Adjourn at 7:15pm M/S/A

Next Meeting September 11th, 2017

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