**Attendance:** Rebecca McParland, Anitra Krogman, Bao Moua, Ruth Barrett, Laura Saatzer, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Carrie Fraser, Cindy Schreiber, Jenny Brown, Melissa Cole, Marlene Martinez, Kelley Riley, Sherry Brooks, Theresa Ryhn, Maria Barrett, Kiesha Lamb, Keesha Pfeifer

**Meeting called to order at 6:05pm**

**Introductions**

**Reviewed Minutes for February** - one correction needs to be made pg 2 Aerospace Report video conferencing in two words. M/S/A

**Reviewed Minutes for March** - M/S/A

**Review Agenda-**New Business item F “Announcements” added and next meeting date changed from April 13th M/S/A

**Treasurer's Report – Was given and f**iled

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* Conferences Next Week - 97% attendance rate – down 1% from the fall
* Program Change – Add a music prep to replace Spanish/Latino Culture. This will strengthen our articulation given the strong music program at the 5-8 Campus.
* Budget Reduction - $82,405
* Book or the Month PBIS Assembly - April 30 @ 3:00
* MN Reading Corp – We are currently recruiting for next year. We have 2 potential openings.

5-8 Campus

* Ten Marks:Has been great in the fact that the students who are below grade level, can take a below grade level assessment to help us find the areas they are struggling with the most. Then, based on the assessment, we are able to assign the student differentiated assignments that they can complete on Ten Marks. Another great thing that I really like about Ten Marks is that the students are able to see a mini video lesson for each question. So, it's really like they have a teacher/tutor with them while they are completing the assignment. I have also found that when the students complete an assignment below 70% and are assigned the amplifier, once they complete the amplifier and re-do the assignment, I usually see an increase in their percentage correct! Overall, I really like the higher level thinking questions it asks that students and as we continue to use this new program, I believe, we will see improvements with our students!!
* The Farnsworth School Counselors are currently working on the following:
  + Supporting student's day-to-day personal, social and emotional issues
  + Assisted students in applying for and being accepted into the Breakthrough Saint Paul Mentor Program (6th grade)
  + Going in to Foundations classes for Naviance College and
  + Career Online Portfolio lessons
  + 3rd and 4th grade Bullying Prevention classroom lessons
  + Student Support Groups at the PreK-4 Building
  + Working on Step Up Day (when the 4th graders visit the Upper Campus)
  + Recruitment for Summer Term and Freedom School
  + New Student Information/Registration Night on Thursday, April 16th
  + EXPLORE Assessment Interpretation (like the ACT), it's a college and career readiness assessment
  + Working with the Master Scheduling Team on the 15-16 schedule
  + Implementing Attendance/Absence interventions
  + Implementing Tardy Interventions
  + Worked with 8th graders to apply for the Right Track Summer Jobs Program
* Renewable Energy Challenge tournament this weekend:
  + They all were awesome and have impressed the judges. The judges comments were glowing about "the Farnsworth kids". I can tell you that they problem solve with great creativity, humor, patience with one another, planned their actions prior to action, used the design process, documented their process, and maximized their performance by making course adjustments.
* New Electronic sign coming to 5-8 Campus this fall

**Aerospace report-**

* March 19th – Science Fair Day for 3rd & 4th graders, 206 Experiments were presented to 3M judges. The 3M judges were very impressed with many of the experiments presented. All students were presented with a blue ribbon for their participation. Thank you parents and staff for your support.
* March 26-31st – 36 sixth graders and 7 chaperones traveled to Washington D.C. area. Viewed the Air and Space Museum, Archives which houses the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and the Constitution, the Udvar Hazey Museum, the Capitol, American History and Natural History Museums. Pictures on web site
* April 11th, 2015 – a group of 5,6,7, & 8th graders attended the KidWind Challenge at Washington D.C. They took 2nd place in design. Mr. Barrett and Ms. Appel were the coaches.
* April11th, Ms. Spears took a group of students for WOW, Engineering for girls.
* April 11th – 28 K & 1st graders and Parents went to the Minnesota Zoo Parent-Child Overnight. Our extended field trip for Kindergarten and First Grade. Thank you Ms. Brooks

Upcoming Events

* April 14th – 5th grade applications for the 5th grade Extended Field Trip to Seattle Washington to see the Museum of Flight, the Boeing Plant, the Seattle Aquarium and the Space Needle are due Tuesday, April 14th, Trip is planned for May 29-June 2nd, cost is $150.
* April 16th – New student registration for classes for new 5th graders and new 6th,7th, 8th, students will be held from 5:15 with a brief presentation.
* April 20th – PreK-2 Science Family Night from 6-7:30. Families will travel around the gym and see different experiments. Paws for learning will be here too.
* April 21st – 1st Class will be piloting class in the Learning Jet.
* April 29-30th – Guest from Cold Lakes, Alberta, Canada will be here to learn about our Aerospace Curriculum and classes.
* May 5th – 3rd Grade to Golden Wings Museum in Anoka
* May 6th Digger Day – Astronaut Digger Carey will be at both campuses to talk to our students and staff.
* May 16th -17th Omaha Nebraska to see Strategic Air Museum and Zoo for 2nd & 3rd grades and their parents
* May 20th- Science Fair for 5-8th grades. Open for parents: Afternoon & Evening Awards May 21st
* May 22nd – Space Day

**Old Business**

1. Family Engagement Plan – Kiesha work with parents and reviewed current plan. The committee recommends some visual markers to differentiate between upper and lower campus. Kelley passes out both the Compact and Family Engagement Plan for people to review and provide feedback on any suggested changes. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Kelley Riley or Kiesha Lamb.
2. Bylaw amendments passed. Vote count was 18 to 0 in favor or amendments. Amendments take effect immediately

**New Business**

1. **Campfire of MN Donation – A $50 donation was made to Campfire of MN in honor of Jill Wall’s mother who passed away recently**
2. **Campus Clean-up – the 5-8 building is covered by volunteers from other organizations. PreK – 4 building may or may not need help. Revisit this issue next month when more information is available.**
3. **Cub Greenhouse Fundraiser – If you go to Cub Greenhouses during the month of May with our flyer 15% of your pretax purchase will be donated to the FSO. Flyer will be sent home with students and uploaded to the website. It also can be received electronically upon request.**
4. **Officer Elections – they will be held at the next meeting. Still taking nominations. Current nominations are: Co-Chair- Rebecca McParland and Maria Barrett. Co-Secretary – Sarai Foss, and there is an open position. Co-Treasurer – Bao Moua and Anitra Krogman.**
5. **New Student Registration – Is Thursday, April 16th. FSO needs volunteers to welcome new parents, spread the word about the FSO, sell T-shirts, and hand out Greenhouse Fundraiser flyers. Carrie Fraser ad Maria Barrett volunteered.**
6. Announcement – Free Shoe Flyer handed out for families whom made need that resource. Farnsworth Band will be participating in the following events:

* Cinco de Mayo Parade May 2nd
* School Patrol Parade May 19th
* Step up Day Parade May 21st
* Spring Concert May 28th
* Waterfest May 30th
* Outback Steakhouse – end of the year celebration – June 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm

Next Meeting in May 11th