**Attendance:** Maria Barrett, Rebecca McParland, Anitra Krogman, Sherry Brooks, Debra McCain, Marlene Martinez, Cindy Schreiber, Keesha Pfeifer, Laura Saatzer, Kelly Riley, Keesha Lamb, Sarai Foss

**Meeting called to order at 6:08pm**

**Introductions**

**Review Minutes** – December and January. Jan amendments: under Principals Report PreK-4 campus change time from “4:10” to “3:10” at the end of second bullet, under Attendance correct “Schrieber” to “Schreiber”, under Aerospace report change “Sea World” to “Sea Life”. Minutes approved

**Review Agenda-** Moved/Seconded/Approved

**Treasurer's Report –** Filed

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* Showcase Open House – 5 parents came, most looking for PreK. We have had several independent tours.
* Bus Driver Training – January 26 review expectations for a safe ride with bus drivers and bus behavior tickets.
* Assembly and 4th Grade Overnight Field Trip – 88 students will be participating in event. They leave Thursday.
* Book of the Month Assembly – Thursday, February 26 – 10:30
* iPad Family Orientation Night – February 2 - 240 student authorization documents were collected at the event.
* iPad Handout - Monday, Feb. 9 – iPad handout went smooth as silk.
* Parent Involvement Day - 40 parents attended – about the same as last year
  1. Campus
* Cold Day (1/7/15) - lesson plans were improvised, we commend staff for pulling together on short notice Ex: Per 1: Lacrosse in the gym (by choice), iPad work in math, Per 2: Problem Solving in Math, Per 3: Computer Lab for English, Per 4: Science, Per 5: Foundations, Per 6: Global Studies, Per 7: Regular Class Schedule
* We have 98.5% of our students with zero to one referral during the month of January
* Leadership Team is working on professional developing planning for next year
* Lego League team at State
* NAAPID PBIS, Get Ready and TRIO
* College Tour North Hennepin C.C.
* NAEP, ACCESS Testing MCA Math, Reading, and Science.
* Hosting the Osseo team visit Farnsworth's co-taught classes today. The Osseo group was very impressed by the engagement of the students in the core content, the collaboration, of staff across disciplines, the way general and special education staff worked fluidly together, and the overall feel of learning in the school. One of the guests was a special education coordinator. She could not identify which students in the classes had IEPs. This is particularly impressive because many of the classes had students who are connected to the EBD Specialized Program. Often, they did not know who the special education co-teacher was until we debriefed. These changes are coming through hard work and a continued emphasis on growing and tweaking the system so it works for students. For me, to stand back and observe during the visit and reflect on the growth that has happened over the last 1.5 years made me feel proud. Farnsworth is a different place in terms of us "walking the talk" to achieve equity. Thank you for your support and work to make this happen for students. The results were so present today.

**Aerospace report –**

* On January 21st, Joel Brown, Tuskegee Reenactor presented a program on Tuskegee Airman to the 5th grade. The program had video on the Tuskegee Airmen and actual clothing and equipment from the time period.
* Japanese Television, TV Asahi, visited both campuses to film footage for the Japanese Education show “World’s Education”. Akihiro Yamamoto-coordinator of the show state “we came to Farnsworth because of the uniqueness of the Aerospace Program and there are no public schools like this in Japan.” They shot footage of flight simulators, engineering classes and classrooms, even a debate by 3rd graders.
* Rob Ellos, a historian on aerospace and flight spoke to the Kindergarteners and 4th graders on Amelia Earhart. He will return to speak to the 1st graders on the Apollo to the Moon Mission.
* Eight graders visited Johnson High school on Feb. 3rd. They enjoyed a robot demonstration, a tour of the building, science fair displays and launch and conversion with the student leaders.
* Lego Robotics teams went to Regional and won 1st place in the core value competition. They were awarded a trip to the State Tournament and did very well, placing 16th out of 54 teams.
* Planetarium Visits will continue in February. Kindergarten and 1st and 8th grade will be visiting.
* Engineering Family Night will be held on February 19th at the 5-8 Gym from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Don’t miss this exciting night with guest from different Aerospace organizations, schools and companies. Many opportunities to visit with these representatives, cool door prizes and snacks.
* We will be sending some students to see Bill Nye, the Science Guy at Augsburg College on Feb. 19th and U of M College of Science and Engineering Expo on March 3rd.
* Overnight at SeaLife is Feb 20th, and March 6th for K-1 families.
* Applications for 7th grade Washington D.C. went out Thursday and Friday, due today.
* Videoconferencing with Ms. Johansen’s 4th grade class and a NASA Engineer will occur on March 6th & May 8th.
* May 20th - 5-8 Science Night Fair, May 21st – 5-8 Science Fair Awards Ceremony, May 22nd – Space Day, March 3rd – Science Fair Prep Night

**Old Business**

1. Sashes – PreK-4 went out, 5-8 will be done before their award ceremonies.
2. Fundraising committee/Movie Night - 30 ppl attended the movie showing, Movie Night updates will be included with Fundraising update, and an email will be sent out by Keisha Lamb to staff
3. Award Ceremony Recap- well attended lots of awards.
4. NAAPID Recap - see principals report - two sessions talked about rich African traditions and the relationships we want to have in this school, great responses.  4th graders did black Trivia and Call and Response with drums.
5. I-pad Rollout Update -  See Principals report
6. Officer Elections – Parents are still needed for the Nominating Committee.  Elections will be in May.
7. Item E. School Coordinator was discussed because it could possibly be a conflict with the union. Since some of activities required would need to happen during school hours, would this interfere with their job and be a violation of contract? Mrs. McCain will contact HR to see if this can be included in their job descriptions. Parents are needed for Nominating Committee.

**New Business**

1. Bylaws Amendments - New Business: Item A: Bylaw Amendments: Please see attachment, changes highlighted in yellow. The propose amendments add an officer entitled School Coordinator and a co-secretary.  The possibility that the School Coordinator position could conflict with the union, since some activities would need to happen during school hours.  Would this be a violation of contract.  Ms. McCain will contact HR.  Ms Riley will contact union rep.
2. SCIT Team (see attachment)-School Climate Improvement Team.  Every school is required to have a committee of administrators, educators, and parents that meet to address concerns about student behavior and school climate. Two committees would be needed, one for each campus. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the committee and let us know times work best for you. Ms McCain will send out a communication to 5-8 families and staff for involvement. A list of questions compiled by parents was given to Principal Bell and he will bring in the Special Ed coordinators to the March 9th meeting to address some of these questions. A question was asked about weapons and the number of lockdowns in the past couple of years, since in the past there were no lockdowns that parents recall. A second question followed asking if the Bus drivers were made aware that a gun was brought on the bus. Mrs. McCain said that there are systems are put in place for communicating emergency and crisis. The bus company is made aware. Parents of both campuses should be notified if a gun is on the bus in the morning commute. Another question was asked about the most recent incident involving the student that brought a BB gun to school, was the student removed from the school? Because the School handbooks states that this violation is considered a Dangerous Weapon and the student should be removed.
3. Mr. Tran - was selected to be a finalist for Teacher of the Year Award
4. Lego Robotics- Mr. Barrett and Ms. Appel did a fabulous job, kids were great, older ones worked with younger.
5. Family Engagement Plan/Compact - We are required to have one because we are a Title I school.  It will be brought to the FSO for review.
6. History Day Judges – will be held at 5-8 campus on 02/24/2015, 60 volunteers needed.

**Next FSO meeting March 9th, 2015 Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm**