**Attendance:** Rebecca McParland, Kelley Riley, Anitra Krogman, Bao Moua, Cindy Schrieber, Laura Saatzer, Sherry Brooks, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Marlene Martinez, Ruth Barrett, Kiesha Lamb, Carrie Fraser, Hamilton Bell, Maria Barrett, Keesha Pfeifer

**Meeting called to order at 6:07pm**

**Introductions**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Mr. Yang – Life Insurance Giving**

**Mrs. Martinez – Spring Performance –** Venue will be Johnson High School on March 25th @6:45 pm

* Needs: Sound Improvement, Live Feed so performance can see, teachers and FSO volunteers
* Dress rehearsal in High School 2:30 or 2:45
* Possibly Invite 1st Covenant Church east side thrive program kids
* Possibly ask for more rooms to separate kids
* Possibly have Farnsworth booth

**Review Minutes** – Secretary absent will be reviewed at February meeting.

**Open Forum** – Parents brought up concerns over the Afterschool Program at the 5-8 building being cancelled a half hour before school was out on January 7th. They felt there may be families who did not get enough notice to adequately prepare for students arriving home early. Parents also brought up concerns about the “optional” school day because of the cold on January 7th. Children who went to school reported watching movies or going to the gym. Parents feel that it was a wasted day and children who did go to school should have gotten the regularly scheduled studies. Bell said that both of these issues were noted and will be looked at. Also a parent brought up the possibility of the water fountains not working in the 5th grade wing. Mr. Bell will also look into that. Lastly Ms. Martinez announced that Maureen Fleming may be coming to the Twin Cities and may want to give our Farnsworth Students some lessons or see her performance. The FSO may be asked to fund a bus

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

**Treasurer's Report –** Filed

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* Green Team - We will be compiling a Green Team made up of 4th graders beginning this week. This team will meet every Wednesday from 11:50-12:20 in the library. This work will be facilitated by Mrs. Cole and Racquel Maronde,who is a MN GreenCorps member working with SPPS. The purpose of this team is to get our students involved in a leadership position that supports and sustains our green efforts that we have and will be implementing at Farnsworth.
* Assembly and 4th Grade Overnight Field Trip - Mrs. Brooks and I applied for the Science Matters Outreach Tour and Overnight Camp-In Program sponsored by the Science Museum and Flint Hills Resources. We were 1 of the 16 schools chosen from a pool of 100 schools. Yeah! We will have 2 assemblies and an overnight experience for our 4th graders - FREE OF CHARGE!! The 4th graders will have their overnight on February12-13. They will get on a bus at 4:10 afterschool on Thursday and return Friday morning around 10:30.
* ACES Open House – Wed., Jan 14 – 5:15-5:45
* Professional Development Day - January 23 – Co –Teaching in the morning and review of the intervention tiers as well as interventions within the tiers
* Book of the Month Assembly – Thursday, January 29 – 3:00
* Awards Ceremony – Friday, January 30
* iPad Family Orientation Night – Monday, Feb. 2 – 5:30-7:30
* iPad Handout and Parent Involvement Day -Monday, Feb. 9
	1. Campus
* High School Selection:
	+ Farnsworth 8th graders who are going to Johnson High School for 9th grade do not need to apply, they have a spot reserved for them at JHS
	+ Farnsworth 8th graders who are going to any other SPPS school need to apply by February 20th to be considered an on-time application
	+ Remember that Charter Schools and Private Schools may have different application deadlines
* Quarter 3 & 4 Add/Drop for Schedules for Grades 6-8: Add/Drop period is Wednesday, Jan 14 through Wednesday, Jan 21. Students can fill out a Schedule Change Request Form and turn it in to the Main Office. We will do our best to accommodate requests.
* End of Quarter: The end of 2nd quarter is Thursday, Jan 22nd. Quarter 3 will start on Monday, Jan 26. Quarters are 9 weeks long. At the end of each quarter students receive final marks for their classes which determines Grade Point Average and credit.
* Thinking College Early Fair (Harding High School 11:30am - 2:00pm February 28, 2015). This is a great chance to learn more about what to do after high school.
* St. Paul Youth Job Corps: We think this will be happening again this summer; it’s where 14 year-old students can apply for a job with the City of St. Paul. More information later.
* Breakthrough St. Paul: We are taking applications for our sixth grade students for Breakthrough St. Paul. Breakthrough St. Paul assists students who are experiencing barriers in moving toward post secondary options. The program provides summer courses and mentoring for students who are moving from sixth to seventh grade.
* Planning for Students’ Successful Transition: At the end of 9th grade, all students need to have a plan for a “Post-Secondary Credential”; this could be doing an apprenticeship, going to a 2 or 4 year college or technical college, join the military, join the workforce. The counselors are working on helping our students learn more about themselves and start thinking about careers.
* Be thinking about Summer School!! More information later.
	+ Any questions, please contact:
		- Maddy Cahill: Lower Campus and grades 5-6
		- Richard Mack: grades 7-8

**Aerospace report –**

* December 8th-19th- All 5th grade students attending Starbase on the National Guard Site near the Airport. Fun, hands on engineering activities with technology.
* During the month of December, the 5-8 Campus completed their mission patch door design. First place went to Ms. Torres Foundation Class, 2nd place went to Ms. Harrilal’s 5th grade classroom and 3rd place tie was Ms. Parker and Ms. Markfort. Foundation classes. Ms. Schweiger and Ms. Wilson took honorable mention.Please look them over when you are at the 5-8 Campus.
* Mr. Thompson, Johnson High School Principal visited the 8th grade Foundation classrooms on Dec. 17th . Our 8th grades were scheduled to visit the high school on Jan. 8th, but will be rescheduled for early February.
* Raptor Center visited the kindergartens on Dec. 18th as part of their aerospace (introduction to flight) curriculum.
* Planetarium visits will continue through January for 5th grade, 2nd grade, 1st grade and 4th grade.
* Tuskegee Reenactors, Mr. Brown and son will talking to 5th graders on January 21st.
* Science Fair Prep Night will be held Jan. 26th from 6-7:30 to help prepare the 3rd & 4th graders to do their Science Fair Project for Science Fair on March 19th.
* Family Engineering Night will be held Feb. 19th at the 5-8 Campus gym.Look for further notices.
* Kindergarten/1st grade Parent/Child Overnight at Seaworld at the Mall of America will have 2 dates, Feb. 20th-21st and March 6th-7th. Notices will be coming home soon.

**Old Business**

* November 8th, 2014 – 16 girls from Farnsworth 5-8 and Johnson High School attended the Women in Aviation “Taking Girls to new Heights” at Sky Harbor Airport Hanger in Webster, MN. They were able to meet woman pilots, air traffic controllers, and others in Aerospace careers.
* November 22, 2014 – Saturday – We ran a bus from Prek-4 campus for families to the U of M math and Science Fair. The families who attended enjoyed their day. Thanks to Sherry Brooks for accompanying these families.
* All classrooms have or will have made a Mission Patch for their classrooms. This Patch custom comes from NASA history. Each manned space vehicle crew was required to design a patch with their names and a drawing of their mission goals on it. We are asking each classroom to include in their patch the names/initials for each student along with a drawing and a classroom goal. Please look for the outside your student’s classroom(s).
* Space Camp/Aviation Challenge – 48 6th & 8th graders attended camp in Huntsville, Alabama for the week of Nov. 9th – 14th. Here they learned teamwork, thinking skills, and lots of Aerospace Information and Opportunities. Pictures on the website.
* Visits to the Como Planetarium for classes K-5 have started and will continue throughout the year.
* Starbase for 5th grade – 4 classes are going this week and 1 the following week. This is a weeklong daily curriculum on the Minnesota Air National Guard Base. Hands on activities and teamwork skill are just part of their Standard Base Curriculum to inspire students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
* Out 8th graders will get a visit from Michael Thompson, Principal of Johnson High School on Dec. 17th during Foundations classes. They will also have a visit to Johnson High School on January 8th, 2015 to view not only the high school but to see the Flight Simulators and the Engineering Fab Lab. Johnson is our articulation school.
* Learning Jet is completed for students. Will need to be towed to our permanent spot on the old Wings site at Homan Field. Then Farnsworth and Johnson Classes will pilot the curriculum this spring.

**Old Business**

1. Fundraising Committee - FSO signed with Chip Shoppe for two more years. The Fundraising committee will be meeting with Chip Shoppe representative to review the process and incentives for 2015-2016 school year.
2. Sashes/Awards Ceremony PreK-4 Campus: The Awards Ceremony at the PreK-4 Campus will be January 30th. Sashes for this campus will be completed later this week. Sashes for 5-8 building will be done at the end of the month.
3. Life Insurance Giving: The FSO decided not to pursue this option at this time.
4. Movie Night - Farnsworth movie night has been going well. Even with little advertising we had 43 attend last month and 52 this month. Still looking for ways to spread the news. All feel this is a great event.

**New Business**

1. Officer Elections: The Cochairman, and both Treasurers are at the end of their two year term, and all three have agree to run for office again. The Chairperson is at the end of the two year term as well however due to bylaws is unable to run for chairperson again for this term. The FSO is looking for nominations for any of these positions. Elections will be held May 11th. Also the nominating committee will be meeting on January 26th, if you are interested in joining this committee contact Anitra at anitra\_krogman@yahoo.com.
2. Parent Involvement Day: Will be held at both buildings on February 9th.Science Fair Family Nights – Ipad roll out was moved to middle of February.

**Next FSO meeting February 10th, 2015**

**Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm**