**Attendance:** Anitra Krogman, Rebecca McParland, Marlene Martinez, Sherry Brooks, Bao Moua, Sarai Foss, Pamela Nofsinger, Laura Saatzer, Abdikadir Ibrahim, , Maria Barrett, Ruth Barrett, Hamilton Bell, Carrie Fraiser, Renee Combs, Jenny Braun

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

**Introductions**

**Guest Speakers – PBIS 5-8 building – Ms. Sengita and Ms. Combs**

* Positive Behavioral Interventions and Systems (PBIS) is a school-wide system of support that includes pro-active strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment. Significant drop in referrals in comparison to last school year.

**Review Minutes** – Minutes approved no amendments.

**Open Forum –** Bus transition concerns

**Review Agenda-** Under section Old Business add item D. Title I Night

**Treasurer's Report –** Filed

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* Aerospace Assembly – September 17
* Monthly PBIS Assemblies – Red tickets and Bus tickets
  + The Gardener – Hopes & Dreams
  + The Recess Queen – Bullying
* Title 1 PBIS/Curriculum Night – Oct. 2 - 55 in attendance
  + Title 1 Regulations
  + Everyday Math Take Home Game Kits
  + PBIS Station – Show 5 and Behavior Matrix
  + Technology Resources
* MRC – We are fully staffed with 3 people.
* Last Friday, Oct. 10, Mary Knox came from the St. Paul Public Library to educate our 4th grade students on the Maud Hart Lovelace award. She reviewed the 12 nominated books with the students and then they were given a survey to pick their award nomination. Ms. Knox then left us with 24 new books that reflected the 12 nominated books.
* ACES (Athletes Committed to Education Students) and EDL (Extended Day Learning) are beginning this week. We have 28 students signed up for ACES. We have about 150 students signed up for EDL. EDL is limited to grades 2-4 this year.
* Parent Academy begins October 23 – recruit
* Transportation Dismissal Change – Going from 22 buses to 10 buses beginning
* Oct. 20. Adjusted our end time by 5 minutes to be in compliance with all schools. Dismissal time will be changing from 4:10 to 4:05. Route stops will remain the same as well as the morning transportation currently in place.

5-8 Campus

* Bus T for Wednesday Activities at Church will come to PreK-4
* AVID student signing night. This model will now be used as a National model for AVID. Panel with U of M students at Hazel Park last Monday
* Harvest Festival parade and St. Thomas Homecoming.  Thanks to the FSO for helping pay $400.00 toward the buffet on Saturday. Thank you email read: I just wanted to send you a note to let you know about the band playing in the parade for St. Thomas yesterday. I work for Community Education at Ramsey Middle and was delighted to hear your band yesterday.  Our students were treated to an excellent "mini concert" while the band waited for the parade to start. Everyone agreed that they were great!  Please pass on that all who heard them thought they did a wonderful job. Your band director is to be commended. Way to show St. Paul at large the abilities of the students in your school!
* A parent thanking our team: Mr. Bell, Ms. McCain, Mr. Mack and Scheduling Committee, Thank you for the hard work that was put into this year's Farnsworth middle school schedules. I am also thrilled that Farnsworth is offering more than one accelerated class in certain subjects. Thank you again and my family is looking forward to another successful year at Farnsworth.

**Aerospace report –**

* September 20th – Holman Field Open House. Ms Schreiber and Ms. Spears represented the Learning Jet.
* Learning Jet update: the inside is complete, furniture and white boards are in place, curriculum is being reviewed. There will be an Open House in November, more details to ]follow.
* September 25th – 44 5th grade families attended a Science Fair family night. They learned about the different parts of an experiment, a science experiment was demonstrated by a 3M visiting wizard and students were able to pick out their own experiment to do for the Science Fair. Students who were not able to make the event will receive the information in their classroom.
* All 4th grade classes attended STARBASE where they received hands on experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
* Two 5th grade classes went to Belwin Nature Center – the rest will attend at a later date.
* Ms. Mueller and Ms. Tevlin’s 4th grade classes will attend the Como Planetarium the end of October.
* Classrooms are working on the Mission Patch door contest.
* October 7th, 5 former Farnsworth students, now attending Johnson High School presented their robots and showed a video to our 8th grade students. The five students representing the Johnson robotics team were Imogen Silver, Elizabeth Demitroff, Caleigh Beltz, Max Riley and Santiago Orellana Lopez.
* The Environmental Sciences classes spent the day at Belwin Nature Center today, October 13th
* November 9th – 14th 24 6th graders will attend Space Camp and 24 8th graders will attend Aviation Challenge in Huntsville, AL.
* November 11th – Chuck Hentges a professor from St. Cloud State University will present to the 7th graders about Design and Modeling and show examples of 3D work.
* November 22nd – Math and Science Family Fun Fair at the University of MN from 10am to 4pm. Busing will be provided from Farnsworth. More details to follow.
* December 8th, 9th and 10th – 40 8th graders and 5 staff will go to Eagle Bluff. The retreat enriches the 8th grade science curriculum.

**Old Business**

1. Fundraising Committee – Chip Shoppe fundraised about $18,000 which we receive 50% of. Cash Donation received was $830.00. Contract is up for renewal if anyone has any feedback please contact Bao Moua before November 11th. Volunteers needed November 11th for Chip Shoppe pickup
2. Classroom T-shirts and Sashes – Teachers have all the t-shirts, less sashes lost, sashes needed for Jan 30th. Volunteers needed
3. Parent Academy – flyers were sent out
4. Title I Night & 5-8 campus – Ipad demonstration, Dec 8th roll out, apple id needed for signup

**New Business**

1. Apple Pie Volunteers – Bring up with 1st grade teachers talk to Julie Barich. FSO will donate supplies.
2. Math/Reading Corp – PreK-4 is full other schools are in need of tutors.
3. Class Size Committee – Need 2 volunteers to meet Quarterly
4. Thank Staff – Provide meal during conference
5. Hmong New Year – concerns about entering and leaving, possibly hosting event during the day

**Next FSO meeting November 10th, 2014**

**Meeting adjourned 7:29 pm**