**Attendance:** Rebecca McParland, Anitra Krogman, Maria Barrett, Laura Saatzer, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Carrie Fraser, Cindy Schreiber, Jenny Brown, Melissa Cole, Kelley Riley, Theresa Ryhn, Keesha Pfeifer, Sarai Foss, Elizabeth Stiles, Amelia Morales, Karen M. Hernandez, Deron Smith, Lisa Engelfstad, Kenlyn Kjesbo, Becky Tangen, Jennie Dearing, Jennifer Parkers, Tong Thao

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

**Introductions**

**Reviewed Minutes** - Under Item B. Track and Field Day Mr.s Abrahamsen instead of Mrs. Johansen. Minutes approved

**Review Agenda-**Approved

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* New Year
	+ Themes
		- Students at the Center - Reminder that students are at the core of everything we do.
		- Believers and Achievers - We believe in each other, our kids, and ourselves.
	+ Year Long Focus
		- Continue to work on implementing best practice instructional strategies during differentiated blocks
		- Implementation of the new math facts program
		- Relationships being supported through 4:1 ratio of praise to redirection and culturally relevant teaching strategies
		- Hand out Family Friendly SCIP - Posted on our website.
	+ Enrollment 538 including PreK
		- K average – 22.75 (24)
		- Gr. 1 average – 25.75 (25)
		- Gr. 2 average – 24.75 (25)
		- Gr. 3 average – 25.25 (25)
		- Gr. 4 average – 26.25 (28)
	+ Class Size Meeting for 1st and 3rd Grade
		- 2 parents/grade level need to be chosen by the FSO to attend this meeting
* Title 1 PBIS/Curriculum Night – Oct. 1 – 6:00-8:00
* Monthly PBIS Assemblies – Sept. 25 @ 3:00
* Communication
	+ Website
	+ Connect Ed
	+ Newsletters
		- School - attendance and not leaving early
		- Classroom teachers
		- Specialists
* Invitation to join Thursday morning committees
	+ - Aerospace
		- Technology
		- PBIS
		- Family and Community Involvement
* New Staff - Chi Yang-EA-ELL, See Yang-EA ELL, Jeff Carlson-Music Teacher, Zong Hlub ELL, Norma Torres-ELL, MayMoua Yang-1st grade teacher, Lelandra Ross-TA-Kingergarten, Amy Lopez-Speech Pathologist

5-8 Campus

* We are continuing to work with Arlington library in an effort to make sure our students have library cards. Students will need the number from library card to access iPad reading apps at home.
* The only Middle School. to show growth in Math, Reading, Science, and SPED 5th grade Math +9 and Reading +26. Thanks to our teachers who are very gifted. Also 6th grade students can be tutored by teachers in the morning.
* IPads reissue Oct 7th.
* Co-taught in English 8th grade had the highest increase in the district. Common language to be used in every classroom.
* Classroom sizes are over classroom sizes because we have been determined to be a non-poverty school. 28 students over than proposed.
* Thank You Mrs. Saetzer because the 5th graders teachers have given many compliments that the students coming from the previous campus are very well behaved and prepared.
* A few Items from your school counselors:
1. Last day for students to request a reschedule change was last Friday. We will be working through those request (and request from adults) during this week so expect changes to your rosters.
2. Please check student schedules for errors (two classes in one period) and make sure they have a grade-level Math, Science, Social Studies and ELA class on their schedule.
3. We are working on rolling out Foundations. Foundations teachers, your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we implement this program that will meet the needs of middle school students.
* Past Saturday, 20 students from 5-6th graders went to Midtown Global Market. Possible opportunities stemming from MN Twins.
* New Staff Mrs. Vang-ELL teacher, Mr. Frank-Nurse, Mrs. Engelstad-School Counselor, Mrs. Flores-Secretary
* Clerk and TA needed
* Volunteers needed for class size committees. 5th and 7th grade especially in classroom, hall ways,
* School Counselor- Liz Engelstad has been in district for 15 years and is working with the Get Ready program primarily for 7th graders. Hiring is in the process for will be working with the 8th Grade, Mrs. Day is moving to a different position within the district.
* Career Fair October 8th 5:30-7:30 if any parents want to showcase their careers contact lisa.engelstad@spps.org
* Question about who will replace Mr. Vasquez. Mr. Vasquez has taken a position inside the district. There is currently no replacement but if parents want to push for replacement please contact for Dr. Obama ELL Head

**Aerospace Report**

Come back to Farnsworth aerospace school for a new year of:

* Aerospace and engineering activities and events. Remember aerospace/engineering is delivered 3 ways to our students.Our teachers and aerospace teachers deliver it through their curriculum, aerospace and engineering speakers and local field trips, and extended field trips.
* Last year we were able to send students to aerospace and engineering activities and events and meet astronauts, pilots, engineers throughout the year.
* We had family nights, along with science fair nights and our engineering fair. Visits for k-5 to the planetarium.
* “Digger Carey” visited for his 7th year. Students visited the U of M, heard Bill Nye the Science Guy, traveled to Lake Elmo Airport, Blaine Airport and Holman Field. Prek-4 campus visited the Learning Jet.
* Students traveled to Sealife, Minnesota Zoo, Omaha Nebraska-strategic Air Museum, Oshkosh, Wi for EAA aviation camp, Huntsville, Alabama for space camp and aviation challenge camp, Washington D.C. To see the air and space museum and Udvar Hazey, and Seattle, Washington to see the boeing tour company and museum of flight.
* We hope to continue to offer these exciting events throughout this year.
* August 27th, Farnsworth aerospace k-8 was visible at the Minnesota state fair stem day. We offered hoop glider station and shared information regarding our school and the learning jet. We were the only St. Paul public school who had a booth here.
* September 26th we will have two groups of girls participating in activities. Ten girls will be flying to Seattle, Washington for a worldwide trip to the museum of flight- the 737 plane will be piloted by women, and the plane will be filled with girls and female chaperones from across the twin cities area. We were fortunate to be chosen to participate. They will return that evening with wonderful memories.
* The other event will be held at downtown St. Paul airport to navigate your world. All girls 10 and above have been invited. There will be a bus to take interested girls to the event. It will be September 26th from 8:30-1:30. EAA will be hosting free flights with
* Proper permission slips signed. We have 15 spots reserved as of right now and aerospace teachers at 5-8 will be sending home forms. The first 15 we receive will be able to travel on the bus with chaperones. If you are interested in taking your daughter, you will need to register at the website listed on the flyer. You will need to provide transportation for you and your daughter to go to this event.
* Our extended field trip to space camp/aviation challenge camp for our 6th and 8th graders will be held nov.8-13. Twenty four students from each grade will be able to go. Look for applications soon. All forms and on-line registrations will need to be completed by October 8th.
* Please watch for future events and dates
* Questions please contact me at 744-4430.

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

**Old Business**

1. T-shirts - Every Students gets a classroom t-shirts for awards ceremonies, and field trips. And they also get a Sashes and Pins. Next Monday for Upper Campus from 9:30 to 12:00 volunteers are needed. Sept 28th will be for lower campus.
2. Sashes - Volunteers needed in December to organize and make new ones.
3. Fundraisers - Runs through Oct 6 Tuesday Nov 11 3-6pm and late orders will be accepted. Sept 25th is the kickoff. Packets will go home next week. Rewards are different, lower campus will have limo ride. Upper campus will have Disco Bingo and Pizza Party and other prizes. Raffle will be coordinated by Pa and Kelly Riley. Cash Donation is also an option and students can earn prizes as well. Band fundraisers September 19th
4. Movie Night - last year brought in $400.00 and it only takes an hour. And we need volunteers from staff and students.

**New Business**

1. 1st grade Apple Pie Baking - We are still doing apple pies in the beginning of October. We need 20 volunteers.
2. School Climate Improvement Team - August 24th 12 of us met and worked as a school and came out with a Vision. At Farnsworth our parents and teachers will create and model a safe, respectful, and engaging learning community for all students the pride in and have ownership of our school. Next Monday the 24th and we need to represent our Diversity in need of Hmong, Latino, and African American parents. At 6pm to 7 pm at the library
3. Students buying planners/hall passes – Mr. Smith shared that there is extra passes and that teachers would be notified of any medical issues etc
4. Communications Team – will be meeting on Wednesday September 16th time and location tentative
5. Interpreters at FSO meetings – Spanish families would like to be notified via email & phone calls
6. Parent Academy – Will be at Johnson High School October 27th through December 8th.
7. Band - September 19th

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Next Meeting in October 12th, 2015