**Attendance:** Anitra Krogman, Mailee Thao, Scott Brown, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Corinthian Lee, Floyd Belentine, Ruth Barrett, Kao Thao, Laura Saatzer, Chad Greenwaldt, Kelley Riley, Bao Moua, Sherry Brooks, Keesha Pfeifer, Marea Merril, Kiesha Lamb, Sarai Foss, Hannah Ngo, Salwae Sheen, Maria Barrett, Melissa Cole, Rebecca McParland, Kimberly Marchetti, Natalie Kenneally, Monica Vega, Adan Solano, Cindy Schreiber, Connie Hanson, Richard Mack, Jonah Yang, Dee Balentine,

**Meeting called to order at 6:10pm**

**Introductions -** Child Care available in room 2105 free of charge, please sign your name & phone number.

**New FSO Binder Presentation –** Anitra Krogman – A binder will be kept with FSO bylaws, articles of incorporation, prior meeting minutes, calendar, and other misc info

**Guest Speaker – Mr. Greenwaldt – AVID/WEB –**

* WEB (Where Everybody Belongs)  is an orientation and transition program that welcomes 6-7graders
* Johnson students trained 8th graders to become mentors and positive role models to 6th & 7th graders
* Camp 6 went well, 8th graders helped with combo locks, navigating the school, and other similar issues
* Thank you FSO for purchasing T-shirts for kids & paying for the training
* activities: Back to School Dance, Movie Night, 6th Grade Orientation, & Reconnecting
* AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an elective class that focuses on building Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading, and College readiness
* target students who are in the academic middle of their class
* the student contract requirements are: 2.5+GPA, 2 hrs of studying, use their planner/binder, Cornell note taking in class, and meeting with college tutors
* AVID students also attend college campus visits, conduct community service activities, and are involved in school-wide activities.

**Guest Speaker – Mr. Merrill – Student’s academic needs**

* Goal is to create a rigor & academic culture
* Promote college readiness
* Group of teachers to progress monitor students
* Test score goals – the percent of students scoring proficient or higher by Spring 2015
* 5th grade Reading from 44.9% to 53%
* 5th grade Math from 44.9% to 53%
* 6-8th grade reading from 30.7% to 40.7%
* 6-8th grade Math from 31% to 36%
* Parent Involvement Guide and Things to Do At Home:
	+ Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication , division facts, and vocabulary words
	+ Encourage your child to read at home for enjoyment and have your child share what they read
	+ Volunteer/Attend school family events, conferences, field trips, classrooms & FSO meetings
	+ Utilize school resources: Farnsworth website, Farnsworth flyer, Class Newsletters, Parent Portal
	+ Connect and communicate with your child’s teacher regularly for information on: Reading and Math goals, class assignments, school/class events, and with incorporating ways to engage students at home.
	+ Limit screen time, make sure your child gets adequate sleep every night, and take advantage of teachable moments.

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

**Review Agenda-** Under section New Business add item C. Parent Academy, item D. Harvest Festival, and item E. “Open Forum” section for questions/concerns. Agenda approved

**Treasurer's Report –** Reconciling

**Principal Report**

PreK-4 Campus

* + Enrollment - 542 students - K average – 25.5 (25), Gr. 1 average – 23.5 (25), Gr. 2 average – 24.75 (25), Gr. 3 average – 25.5 (25), Gr. 4 average – 26.75 (28)
* Year Long Focus
	+ Best Practice Instructional Strategies
	+ Personalized Learning – Differentiation
	+ Equity
* Introduce Kiesha Lamb – Cultural Specialist
* Title 1 PBIS/Curriculum Night – Oct. 2nd 6:00-8:00pm
	+ Everyday Math Family Game Kits
	+ PBIS Matrix
	+ Technology
* Monthly PBIS Assemblies – Sept. 19
* Communication
	+ Website
	+ Connect Ed
	+ Newsletters will include
		- school
		- classroom teachers
		- specialists

 5-8 Campus

* Smooth opening week
* More electives and accelerated classes
* Ms. Merrill will talk about how to meet students academic needs
* Band will preform at Harvest Festival on September 20th
* All teachers have been given  laptops /IPads

**Aerospace report –**

* Thanks to Families who participated in the EAA Chapter Lake Elmo Breakfast on August 17th. This EAA chapter sponsors our 4th graders to go to EAA Aviation Camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in May & June. Thank you to the Davis Family, Krogman Family, Foss Family , & Mrs. Saatzer, and Ms. Vega. We need more students who go to Oshkosh to attend this event to thank our sponsors.
* Fifth Grade Science Fair Family Night will be held on Thursday, September 25th from 5:30-7:00 at the 5-8 Campus. This night will help prepare students to do their Science Fair Project over the course of the year. They will still present on May 15th to the judges.
* Field Trips –
	+ K & 1st grade Parent/Child Overnight Alternate between Seal Life Minnesota at the Mall of America and Minnesota Zoo.
	+ 2nd & 3rd grade parent/Child Overnight Alternate between Omaha, Nebraska Strategic Air Museum and Science Museum of Minnesota
	+ 4th grade Child Only, EAA Oshkosh, Wisconsin 2 night overnight
	+ 5th grade Seattle, WA. Trip to Museum of Flight, Boeing Factory Tour
	+ 6th grade SPACE CAMP in Huntsville, Alabama
	+ 7th grade Washington, D.C. for the Smithsonian and Udvar-Hazy Museum
	+ 8th grade AVIATION CHALLENGE in Huntsville, Alabama
	+ Donations of school supplies were given to our school from 3M Company and ASE Holdings, a local St. Paul aerospace company who also donated a wind tunnel to Johnson High School.
	+ For those New to Farnsworth Aerospace, we deliver our program 3 different ways. It is not all day, every day, but integrated throughout the curriculum.
1. Our teachers and aerospace teachers will deliver lessons in many different areas.
2. We bring in guest speakers and programs – such as pilots, engineers, specialist in Aerospace pioneers, & astronauts
3. Extended Field Trips
* First trip will be SPACE CAMP/AVIATION CHALLENGE in Huntsville, Alabama on November 9th – 14th. Look for information coming home soon.
* Learning Jet - Almost ready to pilot the curriculum. We will go for the ½ day for each grade level. Concert & Car Show Fundraiser for Learning Jet - September 20th. Open House – Holman Airport September 20th
* Fourth Grade Starbase – Sept. 24, 25,26,29, & 30th.

**Old Business**

1. Fall Fundraisers – Chip Shoppe contract is up for renewal if anyone has any feedback please contact Bao Moua before November 11th. Kick Off is September 17th. Fundraiser Packet will be sent out next week. Volunteers needed Friday, October 3rd for tallying orders starting at 9:30 am.
2. Sashes – Volunteers needed to help organize
3. Classroom T-Shirts - Volunteers needed to help assign t-shirts to each classroom.

**New Business**

1. Bathroom Decals – Volunteers needed to install decals.
2. Sign at PreK-4 campus – Volunteers needed to change school sign located in Pre-K – 4th grade campus. All materials are located in janitor’s closet.
3. Parent Academy – free six-week class that helps parents in navigating the SPPS system to become strong advocates for their child's education and make the best informed decisions. Families will learn about: home and school collaboration, student motivation and self-esteem, the road to college, MN Academic Standards tests, school curriculum, and classroom work, etc. At the end of the program there will be a college tour and a graduation. Fall sessions start in October for both sites (PreK-4) lower campus & (5-8) upper campus Dinner begins at 5:30pm and classes start at 6:00 PM – 8:30PM. Food, child care, & transportation are provided. Contact Kelley Riley.
4. Harvest Festival – September 20th Farnsworth families will be marching behind the Farnsworth band.
5. Open Forum Section – Parent suggested we should set aside a time during our meetings to give parents an opportunity to ask questions or share any concerns.

**Next FSO meeting October 7th, 2014**

**Meeting adjourned 7:43pm**