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## FAIRMEADOWS PARENT FACULTY CLUB SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 MINUTES

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

6:33 PM by PFC President Becky Freeman

There were 18 in attendance

### **General Meeting**

#### **Secretary's Report** – Julie Bebensee

Motion by Lori Seaton, second by Lauren Wheeler to approve the March 10, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth Hoffa, second by Kelly Maxwell to approve the May 12, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

#### **Principal's Report** – Mrs. Seid

- Enrollment at approximately 520 students.
- Changes for this year:
  - Miss Book got married, now Mrs. Wiese
  - Mrs. Wolcott once again teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - K-6 has new math program, Everyday Math

#### **President's Report** – Becky Freeman

- Has a few PFC Committee Notebooks left to distribute
- Will check with Rhonda about e-mailing daily announcements to parents
- Alternating PFC meetings between Tuesdays and Mondays to see if it helps increase PFC attendance.
- PFC Welcome Letter was reviewed
  - Meeting dates
  - Printing questions see the FM secretary
  - Learning Resource Center
  - FM Flyer Dates – sent out twice a month this year
  - Reimbursement procedures reviewed

#### **Vice President's Report** – Jill Majeres

- Childcare available for PFC meetings. Call or e-mail Jill to reserve a spot
- Spiritwear report by Kelly Maxwell. Order sent in, will be delivered in 10-14 days, in time for the parade. Sold 248 T-shirts, 104 sweatshirts (70 personalized), and 66 fleeces. Sold over \$5000. Will order again at conference time.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Written report submitted by Susan Ling  
Checking account balance - \$29,090.53, Money Market balance - \$23,255.01, Total Bank Balance as of 9-04-09 at \$52,345.54

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- Ice Cream Social used two times as much ice cream this year. Hy-Vee donated everything except for the extra ice cream they had to buy at the last minute.

## Committee Reports

**Book Club** – Written Report Provided by Rebecca Swanger.

Mrs. Swessinger updated the Book Club lists, information will go out to volunteers on 9/14/09, note will be in Flyer asking for more Book Club volunteers, and Rebecca will speak about Book Club at Family Connect.

**Character Counts Lunch**- Written Report Provided by Mrs. Hanson.

The first lunch will be On October 1<sup>st</sup>. Other dates are 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 4/1 and 5/6. Lunches will be held in the library unless the spread of flu occurs and they are only allowed to eat in the lunchroom.

**Chess Club** – Lori Seaton and Lauren Wheeler reported that Chess Club for first thru sixth graders will be held on Fridays in the Media Center. Beginner chess club members will meet 9/18 and 9/25 and it will begin for all students on 10/2 and will run through mid-April. There is a small fee to cover the budget and students will be able to purchase club t-shirts. Seventy students participated last year. Volunteers are welcome to help.

**Crossing Guards/Parking Lot** – Becky Freeman reported for Shelly Manna. Crossing guards are needed to help children cross from 8:45 – 9:05 am and 3:55-4:05 pm. A stop sign is available in the office and at the corner home on 23<sup>rd</sup> street. Shelly will put together a flyer to go home with students to help find parents to volunteer.

**Entertainment Books** – Jill Majeres reported that 9/9/09 is the deadline for turning orders in. Fairmeadows gets \$10 for every book sold. Goal for this year is 700 books for \$7000 profit for PFC.

**Family Connect** - Written Report Provided by Maggie Fess & Shalna Janssen. Tears & Cheers went well and next year will be offered to the whole school, not just the new families. Michelle Coleman set up a Family Connect e-mail: fairmeadowfamilyconnect@gmail.com. 56 families are currently signed up. First gathering night scheduled for 9/17/09 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Fine Arts** – Julie Bebensee reported the Fine Arts experience for this year is the Pappajohn Outdoor Sculpture Garden. Grades 1 – 6 will be attending October 20, 22, and 23. Docents will be provided by the Des Moines Art Center to give 45-minute tours. A separate Fine Arts event will be arranged for the Kindergarteners later in the year.

**Gift Wrap** - Written Report Provided by Kristine Clarke.

Sales will start 9/28/09 and go for two weeks. Delivery will be on 11/18/09 for both gift wrap and cookie dough.

**Homecoming** - Written Report Provided by Melinda Mays.

Thanks to Melinda's father who is donating a banner for Fairmeadows. The parade will be on October 1. Further details will follow.

**Homeroom Parents** - Written Report Provided by Janeen Micka/Mackenzie Hughes. All homeroom parents will be contacted by the end of the month.

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Mrs. Otte's e-mail regarding food allergy guidelines (no peanut/tree nuts) and no latex balloons or gloves at FM will be sent to the homeroom parents. Virex spray is being used on the desks. Everyone needs to wash their hands before eating treats.

**Ice Cream Social** – Becky reported for Missy Cabrajac.

The Ice Cream Social was a great success. Special thanks goes to Maggie Fess for stepping in at the last minute to help coordinate the festivities.

**Kids Bank** – Becky Freeman reported that Ms. Klinge and Mr. Dunn will conduct Kids Bank on Tuesday mornings before school. It will start by the end of September. Students may open an account by filling out an application and providing references. Students may see their teachers for an application.

**Pop In Preschool** - Written Report Provided by Tosha Whitson.

Currently Community Ed program only has seven PreK families in the FM boundaries. Discussing the possibility of integrating the program with Family Connect. Also exploring the possibility of contacting families through surrounding preschools. Informational flyers would be given out.

**Restaurant Night** – Written Report Provided by Amy Johnson.

Fuddruckers Night scheduled for 9/24/09. FM will receive 10% of all purchases all day long when receipts are dropped in the designated fish bowl. Other events for this year include dining at The Stadium, Maxie's, and Maggie Moo's. Checking into Chik Fil-A, Chili's and The Incredible Pizza Company. If anyone has other suggestions please let Amy know.

**Spring Fling** – Beth Hoffa reported that Volunteer Chairpersons are needed for Raffles, Publicity, and Bounce House committees. Planning meetings are scheduled for 10/13/09 at 6:30 pm and 2/9/10 at 6:30 pm at FM. Beth reported that fundraiser monies/donations are needed to help supplement the Gift Baskets for the raffle. Mrs. Seid will work with the Student Council to set up some fun event days i.e. pj day, crazy hair day, etc. The students can then pay \$.25 to participate and help raise money to supplement the gift baskets.

**Talking Canvas** – Julie Bebensee reported that volunteers are still needed in KO, 2O, 4S, and 6K. Talking Canvas Open House will be held 9/21 at 6:30 in the media center. Becky Scott shared that her church may have a wooden flat file that would work for the art prints. We will explore this lead.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Julie Bebensee reported there are still volunteer positions available. All volunteers are required by the WDM School District to fill out a Volunteer Disclosure form. This is for liability purposes and it guarantees our children are kept safe.

**WDM COTB** - Written Report Provided by Beth McCullough.

Challenge of the Books is for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. The students read books and then meet with other area elementary schools and answer questions about the books they read. New books are approved and additional copies of books on the reading list will be purchased with budgeted monies from the library fund and the PFC.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- **SCN (School Community Network) Meeting** is scheduled for 9/15/09 at the LRC from 9:15-11:15 am. Dave Blum, Curriculum Director, will be talking about the new elementary math curriculum, Everyday Math. Becky will contact Dave Blum and see if he would be willing to come to Fairmeadows in October and present the program to our parents.
- **Fuddruckers Reading Incentive Program** – Becky shared information sent from Fuddruckers regarding their Edible Bookmarks Program. The students would have the teacher or parent initial that they read six books on a bookmark and then they can present it at Fuddruckers for a free Kid's Meal. They also have achievement awards that the teachers can pass out to the students. Mrs. Seid will check with the teachers to see if there is interest in participating.
- **Build with Bags School Program** – This year the recycling program will run from October 5 thru November 16. Collection bins will be available by the office for the students to turn in plastic bags. Wal-Mart will award a \$100 gift card to Fairmeadows if we collect enough bags to fill 5 large 60-gallon garbage bags.
- **Smiles for Education** – Hy-Vee incentive program. Each week you can register for a chance to win \$5,000 for Fairmeadows and a new Mac Book laptop computer for the winning student. Ten winners will be drawn each week. Becky will put this information in the Flyer.
- **Box Tops** – Kelly Maxwell inquired if we were still collecting Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Nestle Pure Life Water Labels. She was wondering if she should just turn them into the office. Becky reported that Susan Ling will be getting information out to everyone soon regarding the collection of labels and box tops. **KEEP SAVING!!!**

The next PFC meeting will be Monday, 11/09/09.

Motion to adjourn by Lauren Wheeler, second by Lori Seaton. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bebensee  
Board Secretary