

Farley PTO Meeting

November 10, 2016

5:30pm

I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Welcome and Introductions

II. Teacher/Staff Reports

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. McWilliams - Last school year we were in year 5 of the strategic planning cycle. Based on feedback from 500 people we found never loose sight of high academic expectations. We also had feedback that it takes more than just academics for students to be prepared and ready after graduation. This semester the school district is looking for feedback about what that looks like at an elementary and middle school level. Also looking for a meaningful use of technology. What does that mean to parents and teachers at the PTO meeting? The plan will include accreditation and state board requirements. Dr. McWilliams open the discussion for people at the meeting to list ideas of what skills that are non-academic that are desired. Responsible, respectful, ability to ask questions, digital citizenship, face to face interactions, perseverance, leadership, taking initiative, coping skills, ownership, students should not feel entitled to things, coming up and generating solutions, not to be afraid to be wrong. Are there things as a staff member or parent that you would like to see continue? Second step, cooperation with KU, PBIS, reteaching expectations, teaching behavior in the same way academics are taught, older students working with younger students, integration of the medically fragile program. Where do Skills for Success fit at this level? We have added this into our school. We have scheduled Second Step lessons. Teachers use the same language and it is integrated into the day. We have scheduled time at the beginning of the year to teach expectations. How would do we prepare students to use technology in the future? How do you want to see technology used? Students are using it to respond to lessons, and show their knowledge. Using technology and applying it in a real way. Submitting documents online. Use technology to communicate with other people, parents, authors. How to evaluate the information that is given. How to identify a good website. More touch technology for lower grades. Developmentally appropriate

tech for Kindergarten. The process of gathering this information is still ongoing. The data will be shared when the collection is complete.

- B. 3rd Grade and 4th Grade - 3rd grade made a video. Students shared what they are doing. 4th grade led a Kahoot that showcased what they have been learning.
- C. Principal's Report - Tomorrow is the deadline for the Thanksgiving lunch. Tomorrow is colors day. Keep promoting Black Beauty, the whole school read. We are working in tandem with KU on CiT3 academic and social emotional growth.
- D. President's Report – Special Requests/Volunteers Sign Up Sheet - The special request is not for the normal \$100 for the beginning of the year. If you would be interested in helping with the tasks on the list fill out the form and let the PTO know.
- E. Treasurer's Report - PTO made a little less than last year. We did not have class baskets. The class baskets will be added to the 5K. See the handout from Matt.

III. Community Reports

- A. Robotics Club - Suzy Thompson, Brenna Wrightman, and Maureen Hillis host the robotics club. Want people to use their imaginations, and come up with different ways to share their ideas. Kids need hands on experience. The attendance in robotics club has doubled this year. About 80 students attend the group every time. They have limited supplies, but it is a good problem to have - huge attendance. Robotics group requested extra funds for roller coaster kits. The request was granted. They are so thankful for the support from the PTO. The club is open to 4th through 6th grade.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Fox Trot - Ashley Smith and Casey Doll - Thank you for helping. It went well and we had great feedback.
- B. Fall Fundraiser - Cat St. John - All went well.
- C. Room Parent Coordinator - Ashley Smith - The first parties went off well.
- D. Restaurant Fundraisers – Lesley Harrison and Stacy Guffey - Another fundraiser will be coming up on the 15th at Texas Roadhouse. We get 10% of food sales. It will be from 3 to 10.

E. Box Tops – Kathleen Billings - Expecting about \$900 from the company. 1st grade won the contest about bringing the most boxtops. If anyone would help staple the fliers to the baggies it would be appreciated.

V. New Business

A. Suggestions for PTO Holiday initiative - Would like to be involved with the StuCo initiative.

VI. Questions and Suggestions

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, December 8th at 5:30pm

*December Reports: Library/Book Club, Counselor, STUCCO, Kindergarten/QU Wedding, Pre-K,
Sylvan Learning Center

*Presentations subject to change