

Farley PTO Meeting

September 1, 2016

5:30pm

I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Welcome and Introductions

II. Teacher/Staff Reports

A. Professional Therapy Dog - Mrs. Hight and Ms. Florez

Cares Inc of Concordia, KS is the company they are working with to get the dog. Karah Hight would be the host family. She will be responsible for dog. All interactions would be voluntary. If there is an allergy the students' needs would be first. The dog will need some quiet time each day away from students. The classroom, library, counselor, and other teachers could have the dog with them. The dog would be available for students that are anxious or worried. The dog could also be a reward for students. It is likely the dog will be available next August.

B. Dr. Cassidy

Other schools have had therapy dogs in the past. Dr. Cassidy is looking forward to have a therapy dog in the building. Mrs. Hight is making a great contribution to Farley. Tuesday night is open house for 4-6 at 6:00. The 8th will be grades Pre-K - 3. \$400 have been given to Farley from Advisor's Excel for student prizes. Thank you to them. If anyone would like to donate small items for teacher prizes they would be welcome. Thank you to the new PTO board. Dr. Cassidy is open for parent communication. Please feel free to email or call.

III. Community Reports

A. Sylvan Learning Center

A new partnership with Farley Elementary. Each partnership is unique. The presenter will give a quick seminar at each PTO meeting. Sylvan representatives will be at the Farley Fox Trot this year.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Fox Trot - Ashley Smith and Casey Doll

Fox Trot is in October this year. The Fox Trot is a school carnival put on for Farley students. It is a night for fun and Farley community building. We need lots of hands to pull off the Fox Trot. Randi Stones is working on donors. If you can help her with phone calls please contact the

PTO. The theme is red, white, and blue. There will be early bird special sales available. All military current or retired will receive their meal for free. Hot dogs will be the main course, with sides included. There will be some new games to encourage the 6th grade students to attend. There will also be a new focus for pre-school students. The event will be on a Thursday night, October 13th from 5:30 to 8:00. There is no school for the students the next day. There will be a signup.com system set up to volunteer. Fox Trot is the biggest fundraiser Farley hosts.

B. Meet the Teacher Nights - Dr. Cassidy

Tuesday night is open house for 4-6 at 6:00. The 8th will be grades Pre-K - 3. No children in attendance for this event, please. There will be handouts for parents from PTO. If you turn in the forms at the PTO table near the office you will be entered into a drawing for gift cards.

C. Fall Fundraiser - Cat St. John and Angelyn Vogel

The fall fundraiser is from School Kidz items sales. This is moved up, to do the early Fox Trot date. The goal is to match what we raised last year, or better. There is also a buy out option this year. This is an opportunity to donate instead of sell items. 100% of donations will go to the PTO. Sales are due Sept. 13th. Items will be ready for pick up at conferences.

D. Room Parent Coordinator - Ashley Smith

Ashley is the parent volunteer coordinator this year. She is trying to plan well in advance, so parents can be available if they choose to be. Please consider signing up to be a room parent.

E. Newsletter – Jacquie Lightcap

The newsletter will focus on PTO activities that are going on at Farley. If you have suggestions of topics for the Newsletter please let us know. The Farley Elementary Facebook page is also a good place to look for information. We are also planning to put the Newsletter on the PTO website. The PTO is also adding to fundraising through Box Tops, Dillons Community Rewards Program, and Amazon Smiles.

F. Restaurant Fundraisers - Angelyn Vogel

This is a fun community event and fundraiser. The first event will be at Chipotle, Sept 20th. 50% of the profits will go to Farley Elementary. You must tell them you are associated with

Farley Elementary when you pay. If you would be interested in setting up restaurant fundraisers we are looking for someone to set those up this year. - Leslie and Stacey volunteered to be in charge of this.

G. Box Tops – Kathleen Billings

Your child will bring a baggie home, and when you collect 10 bring the baggie to school. Your child can turn them in the library, and then get a new baggie for more Box Tops.

H. Spirit Wear - Bobbi Overbey

The spirit wear orders are due tomorrow. The orders should arrive at the end of the month or early October.

I. Teacher Requests - Lindsay Kufahl

There is a new online form for teacher requests of funds from the PTO.

V. New Business

A. Vote on 2016-2017 Budget

The most prominent change is the budget for the therapy dog. Leslie made motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded. The group voted, and the motion passed.

B. Vote on PTO By-Laws

Leslie moved to approve the new By-Laws, the moved was seconded, the group voted, and the motion was passed.

C. Vote on Member-at-Large - Kathleen Billings

Leslie moved to approve the new member at large, Kathleen Billings, the moved was seconded, the group voted, and the motion was passed.

D. Each grade level will present at each meeting this year, instead of a report each year. The PTO is open to suggestions if this is something that you like or dislike. If there is a time of year that a particular grade level let the PTO know your preference.

VI. Questions and Suggestion

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, October 6th at 5:30pm

*October Reports: Counselor, 3rd Grade and 4th Grade, Sylvan Learning Center

*Presentations subject to change