

Farmland ES PTA Meeting
December 5, 2023
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

59 people joined on zoom.

Tracy M called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Important note (not mentioned during the meeting but relevant here)

- The zoom live translation tested in the November meeting did not work as well as we had hoped. If you need translation services we recommend using an internet translator such as google translate and reviewing the meeting minutes in your preferred language. Draft minutes are posted on the PTA website shortly following meetings.

Review of mission

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Thank you to all of our volunteers in November!

Class Parties: Becky F.,
Adi K., Diana A., Danielle
C., and all of the 100+
parent volunteers!

Geography Bowl: Kate L.,
Larry L., Jessica S., Adi K.,
Jen C., Shauna E., Becky
F., Pin Chieh W., and so
many teachers and staff!

**Heritage Month Displays
and Signs:** SangHa L.,
SuJung K., Woohey J.,
and Eundeok C.

**Other Activities/Ongoing
Support:**

Rachel L., Reflections art
program
Diana A., Ledos
fundraisers, after-school
activities
Michelle F., Harmony Hills
clothing drive
Rachel L., and Nandita L.,
No Place for Hate
Michelle K., special
education coffee social
Tara G., school sign

Janet R., staff appreciation
Ira T., website
Laurie E., newsletter
Julie L., directory and
membership

**Board members, staff
members, and
administration**

Calendar Review

- December 14: Deadline for Reflections Submissions
- January: Before- and After-School Activities Begin - Sign Up Now on Kiddo!
- January 4: January PTA meeting, 7:00 PM
- January 8-10: Spelling Bee Pretests (Grades 3-5)

Board member reports:

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the PTA meeting on November 7th were presented. Jenny C, moved to approve the minutes, Amanda O seconded. By unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.
- PTA Communication efforts are hindered by MCPS privacy policies. Please opt in to receive PTA communications and encourage others to do the same.
- Membership Drive Update: congratulations to Ms. Hickey's 1st grade class - they won a

popsicle party for having the most PTA memberships! Thank you to everyone who has joined so far.

- Class parties in November were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

- Income and expenses for the year so far were presented.

VP Reports

MCCPTA Representatives

- Committees are open if you want to join!

Farmland Staff Reports

Mrs. Weissenburger's report

- Thank you for the snacks! The teachers felt appreciated!

Principal's Report

- If you have concerns about a teacher - please contact the teacher first.
- If you have concerns about something at recess - please contact the teacher first.
- Thanks for PTA support and collaboration!

The following portion of the meeting was recorded on Zoom. For a copy of the recording, please contact Tracy M, PTA President, at FarmlandPTAPresident@gmail.com.

Cluster Presentation

- Dorigen H, one of our cluster representatives, presented about Woodward High School construction and updates in the cluster.
- Phase I is expected to be completed in Summer 2024. It will be a holding school for Northwood High School for 3 years.
- Woodward will open as its own high school in Fall 2027 with capacity of 2100 students, likely with a magnet program for another 400 students (assumed).
- Boundary studies are completed 18 months before a school opens. Currently no elementary schools are part of the boundary study plans for Woodward.
- During the boundary study process, it will be recommended to speak at school board meetings and send emails to board members.
- The following links offer additional information and were provided by email prior to the meeting:
 - Background: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1azTcB3sf9NUGd6Kb7j5Xn_CrtaZ6AwSd/view?usp=sharing
 - FAQs: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jex6Xq-ipszCKzy8K1Lex8yCCDhVLnN-/view?usp=sharing>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on January 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky F
Farmland PTA Secretary