

Farmland ES PTA Meeting
November 7, 2023
Farmland ES Media Center

The following people signed the attendance sheet: Tracy M, Adi K, Becky F, Jenny C, Crystal T, Thi N, Eve C, Rachel L, Amanda O, and Jessica S. 28 people joined on zoom.

Tracy M called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
We now have live captioning on zoom! You can zoom into our PTA meetings and see live captioning in the language of your choice!

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 October!

Fall Festival

Adi K.
Adi S.
Alex C.
Andrew C.
Ashley V.
Becky F.
Chad M.
Crystal P.
Danielle C.
Jen M.
Jenny C. (+mom and brother)
JiYoung P.
Kfir K.
Kristen S.
Lynlee S.
Mardy R.
Megha S.
Meirav F.
Min Jung J.
So Young K.
Thi N.
Woohy J.
Woojin P.
Mr. Adkins
Mrs. Gleeson
Mrs. Longest
Mrs. Medairy
Mrs. Weissenburger
Ms. Bell
Ms. Friedman
Ms. Hippchen

Ms. Kelly
Ms. McMillan
Ms. Peters
Ms. Stimely
Ms. Thornton

Walk To School Day

Adi K.
Alicia G.
Corie H.
Dorigen H.
Ella W.
Jeff C.
Jen M.
Jenny C.
Kara G.
Kfir K.
Kristen Z.
Min Jung J.
Oksana K.

Book Fair

Adi K.
Andrew C.
Becky F.
Becky P.
Bomee S.
Bonnie M.
Cheryl B.
Dana K.
Daphna S.
Deandra S.
Dorigen H.

Erin W.
Eun-Jeong Y.
Eve C.
Hava S.
Jen M.
Jenny C.
JiYoung P.
Jodie A.
Julie L.
Kara G.
Kay B.-S.
Kristen M.
Kristen Z.
Lauren A.
Liz M.
Luciana T.
Lynlee S.
Mayonne G.
Megha S.
Meirav F.
Michal Y.
Michelle K.
Min Jung J.
Mrs. Kasab
Mrs. Longest
Mrs. McMillin
Mrs. Stemmer
Mrs. Weissenburger
Ms. Brothman
Ms. Kelly
Ms. McClure
Nicki W.
Pam K.

Rachel L.
Sailaja B.
Sangha L.
Shanan B.
SriCharan B.
SuJung K.
Thi N.
Tina N
Tricia F.
Varshitha M.
Woohey J.
Yunji P.

Other Volunteers

Adi K., Becky F., Danielle C., Yvette H., Diana A., class parties prep
Cheryl B., spirit wear
Diana A., Chipotle and Ledos fundraisers and after-school activities
Eundeok C., heritage month slides
Ira T., PTA website
Janet R., staff appreciation
Kate L., geography bowl
Larry L., geography bowl
Laurie E., newsletter

Michelle F., Harmony Hills clothing drives
SangHa L., heritage month display
SuJung K., heritage month display
Tara G., school sign
Woohey J., heritage month display

The PTA is in need of a cultural arts assembly coordinator. Please contact Tracy M at FarmlandPTAPresident@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this!

Calendar Review

- Mon 11/6 - Mon 11/13 - Winter clothing drive for Harmony Hills (sister school)
- Wed 11/8 - Farmland Together DEI Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Zoom
- Wed 11/8 - Ledo's Pizza fundraiser, 5-9 PM, Westlake Drive location
- Thu 11/9 - Special Education Parents/Guardians/Advocates coffee/social, 9:30 AM, All Purpose Room
- Fri 11/10 - Fall class parties
- Thu 11/16 - 3rd grade Geography Bowl
- Fri 11/17 - 4th and 5th grade Geography Bowls

Coming up in December...

- Tue 12/5 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Media Center and Zoom

Board member reports:

Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the PTA meeting on October 3rd were presented. Crystal P, moved to approve the minutes, Jessica S 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: 185 members, similar to prior years at this time.
- Class parties for the year were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

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

VP Reports

VP Educational Programming

- The PTA Reflections program was introduced. The deadline to submit interest is 12/1,

the deadline to submit an entry is 12/14. We will need judges to help as well. An informational zoom is on 11/16; it will be recorded. Questions should be sent to farmlandPTAreflections@gmail.com, and information is available at pta.org/reflections.

- Spelling Bee is coming soon - volunteers will be needed.

VP Extracurricular Programming

- Thank you to Michelle F for all of her hard work with our sister school, Harmony Hills!
 - A donation box is available in front of the school until 11/13.

VP DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)

- Thank you to the group updating our cultural heritage board on campus! Right now it shows Native American History Month, next month will show winter festivals around the world.
- There is a DEI meeting tomorrow night 11/8 on zoom.
- There is a Special Education Social 11/9.

VP Ways and Means

- October was busy!
- Yearbook is underway.

MCCPTA Representatives

- Reflections competition, see above.

Cluster Representatives

- Will update next month.

Farmland Staff Reports

Mrs. Weissenburger's report

- Thank you, PTA!

Principal's Report

- Gratitude for new Class Party Model from Admin and Teachers.
- Black and Brown Coalition meeting coming soon (see notes in Ms. Longest's email)
- Ms. Longest and our school counselors, Ms. Mann and Ms. Mason, gave a presentation about the role our school counselors play and what they do at Farmland.
- Please attend the cluster meeting and advocate for Farmland - we are full and growing!
- No Place for Hate assemblies are coming up before Thanksgiving break.
- Concern was raised regarding MCPS messaging about attendance.

Counselor's Report

- Teaching conflict resolution, tolerance, inclusion, using "I" messages, personal body safety lessons, and more. Crossover with safety in media with the Media Center team; upper grades learn about being safe online.
- Individual counseling - short term and problem solving, Group counseling - available for socialization as referred
- At recess students can fill out a "help note" if they want to talk about or report about something at recess.
- Organize career day/career awareness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky F
Farmland PTA Secretary