



Old Farmers Road School PTO

General Membership Meeting
September 14, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
Old Farmers Road School

1. Call to order: start 7:06
All board members introduced themselves
2. President welcome
 - Bylaw amendments/Standing Rules- Discussed voting for bylaws, standing rules, playground, budget, pass out for all to see and need to vote to make official
 - Playground; thermal markings fell through but the money was already reserved for playground upgrades
 - Have approval for a 3rd playground from Principal, Superintendent and grounds keeper
 - Needs to be voted on by membership
 - 11,500 in grant towards the price, 20k already in the bank (set aside) the rest will be paid for by this year's color run earnings
 - Will go where soccer field is
 - Soccer will go by kickball field
 - We need to vote on it
 - Would be for this year. Payment would need to be sent to BOE
 - 6 week lead time, 2 weeks to install
 - Questions raised: why do we need a 3rd playground, age of playgrounds already there, classes not allowed on playgrounds
 - Field trips
 - Voted last year to spend 10k to cover trips for all kids Kindergarten is already up
 - Cover majority of the price
 - (Prices are up from last year so cost to families would be minimal)
 - Will cover what was approved last year
3. Principal welcome: Principal not present
4. Teacher Liaison report
 - Mrs. Burns: need upper hall help to be additional teacher liaison
 - Thanks to pto for beginning of year luncheon and help, also with lists of families
5. Treasurer report
 - \$80,660 proposed budget for this year. Review and will vote later
 - 10k for field trips allotted
6. Vice President report
 - Fill our volunteer form if still interested
 - Appreciation days coordinator open (Sandy Vego and Sue Warren volunteer)
 - Clarifying what is needed to do
7. Scheduling/Room Rep report
 - Room reps : have been communicating with room reps already

- Class lists sent out today
- Still need full student lists
- Use all the emails sent (i.e. 1st and 2nd parent emails)
- Oct 1st deadline to join pto for room reps
- Should be connecting with your other room reps
- 9/18 - School spirit day - wear OFRS or blue/yellow
- 10/1 - Picture day - "Dress for Success" spirit day
- 10/2 - Custodian appreciation day

8. Communications report

- District wide policy change with parent info sharing
- Must opt in. cannot be given through the school
- Send all missing email people to jillian to be added to (Class lists)
- Old FB page to be archived. Join the new group
- Bi weekly newsletter-open to needed info/feedback reminders and links are in there
- Chairs- If need an email sent out to the PTO/school, fill out comms request form on the pto website to go toJillian. Specify who it needs to be sent to, etc. Can accommodate last minute requests, but prefers 48hrs notice

9. Community Relations report

- Events overview
- Teacher luncheon, PreK and K orientation morning 60 students
- Ice cream social in the rain still fun, chalk the walk
- Cooking night- october: hickory syrup, homemade whipped cream, butter, pickles RSVP by sept 25
- Trunk or Treat: chair needed oct 30 friday

10. Fundraising report

- Fewer but stronger. Doing ones that at least make 50% margin or \$500 profit
- Not overlapping with any other fundraisers
- Supplement at activities we already have
- Spirit wear- \$500 profit so far
- Switching spirit wear to Always Driven Attire - online store should be ready soon!
- Old spiritwear website still up

11. Programs report

- Laura gives an overview of programs and what we do
- On fall, one spring per grade
- Supports social studies and science curriculum
- 2nd grade has switched from writing workshop to time travel inventors
- Author visit/spring/full assembly/oct earth dome for whole school
- Questions asked about rumor of canceling of Ellis Island; nothing said or confirmed and advised to reach out to principal as pto is not involved with ellis island trip

12. Committee Chair reports

- Yearbook: Holly: 10 volunteers, theme, pricing might be the same
- Color Run: earlier in Oct (25th)
- School Supply Kits: 1st Day of School Supplies
 - Do we still want to use them? Special of 5 free kits (one for each grade) if we sign early
- Mrs. Burns confirms good quality/name brands

- OFRS blue/yellow shirts: Cindy Tortorello will send out form. Will be ready before Kindergarten trip

13. New Business

- Vote on Bylaw amendments and Standing Rules. Approved. Bylaws 45-0 Standing rules 45-0
 - Questions asked and answered for clarification on wording of bylaws
- Vote on Playground expenditure:
 - Possible kid committee suggested? Works for high school aged kids
 - Better or other options available (ADA)?
 - Safety question if any there will be less likelihood of kids getting hurt on a different playground?
 - Are there other playgrounds to look at/see?
 - Amount of grant money given is most towards the playground presented. Playground presented is also ADA compliant and available to all ages so for whole school
 - Question over use of soccer still available if moved to kickball field?
 - Concern over timing, the freeze/thaw. Would like approval sooner so that it would be done before freeze.
 - Vote to postpone vote or vote tonight
 - Concern over waiting so long before next vote and delaying playground installation
 - Pushed vote back to get more information since there are so many questions. Will do a virtual meeting sooner than Oct 14th meeting if possible
 - Vote on budget: approved

14. Announcements

- Next meeting: Oct. 14th @ 7 p.m.

15. Adjourn: 8:08