Old Farmers Road School PTO

General Membership Meeting
October 14, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
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1. Call to order 7:07
2. President welcome
    - Distributed last meetings minutes to review and vote on later
    - Field trips- Mr. Scotto and Mrs. Lind confirmed Ellis island is not canceled, all trips will be the same as last year. Mr. Scotto confirmed during his Round Table event.
    - Playground vote for end of meeting. Paper ballot to be counted for privacy
    - Make sure to pick only one option. All are ADA compliant
    - Option 1: KidsCourse playground presented at last meeting- grant $ towards it
    - Option 2: Couldn't get another full playground option, they are too expensive. This one is individual pieces among popular in other schools
    - Option 3: KidsCourse plus ½ panel wheel chair roll up "connect 3 game" - still get grant money towards it. Mr. Scotto explained during the Round Table that ADA compliant doesn't mean inclusive.

3. Principal welcome- Scotto not present. He told us he could not make this meeting, asked us if we could change the date which we couldn't.

4. Teacher Liaison report:
    - Ms. Spino will be other liaison
    - Ellis island as it is currently will be last like it. (SclP) came up in mtg:
    - Will be different. Not be BOTH Ellis island AND St. of Liberty. So just like Ellis Island OR St. of Liberty (Very clearly stated)
    - Not sure if it came from the teachers if we go it will be one or the other. Ellis Island is more 4th grade curriculum, possible Issues with extended day
    - Should ask Scotto any questions.

5. Treasurer report:
    - Current balance approx. $ 72,500
    - Recent spending on -teacher reimbursements, Custodial appreciation day, Color run, Cooking night, Holiday shop

6. Scheduling/Room Rep report
    - Room reps reminder : Monday email sent about Halloween details
    - 11/4 - Veteran's Day flag raising ceremony 9:15 a.m.
    - 11/9 - School psychologist appreciation day
    - 11/10 - Picture retake day- Shay will be present to help with students

7. Community Relations report
    - Look for family fun night survey for feedback on cooking night

8. Fundraising report
    - Fundraising strategy for 2026/27 school year- target fundraisers this year that bring 50% profit margin or $500 to us (ideally both)- and do not impact or heavily overlap with our biggest fundraising events (Color Run/Tricky Tray).

- Color run is only one happening right now
- Next- 1st holiday flower fundraiser: 50%back to us
- Spirit wear- “always driven” didn't work-”squad locker” is new site
- Will be swapped out/ mult designs for all apparel. Can choose any logo to put onto any item.
- Only issue is youth sweatshirt pricing is expensive, working on alternative

9. Programs report
    - Oct 6th Earth Dome rescheduled (performer was in an accident, couldn’t make it)
    - Already paid for- just need a new date. Will send out when given

10. Committee Chair reports
    - Color run:
        - $9,980 raised so far. 49% of the $ for the new playground raised. 31% student registered
        - Incentives going out end of next week. Goal $50 per student to raise
        - If cash or check we keep 100% of donation. Online donations have processing fee
        - Event is Oct 25th @ 11 am
        - Donations can come in until midnight on the 26th
        - Oct 19 email for volunteers will come out. Teachers still TBD for who is getting bombed with color
    - Blue/Yellow OFRS Tshirts
        - Cindy tortorello- all shirts are in and bagged up. Will distribute this week
    - Trunk or Treat:
        - Paola and Chelsea. 18 trunks signed up so far. 151 kids
        - Oct. 23 last day to sign up
        - The event is on Oct 30th from 5-6:30 p.m.
        - If not doing a truck, bring 1 bag of candy to share
    - Book fair
        - Nov 3rd-5th
        - Shopping open after school during teacher conferences
        - Monday they make wish list with their class during preview day
        - New this year: Grades 3-5 in school shopping with scholastic e wallet but books only. Can’t return any books they purchase
        - Question about families not here that week: We will have online scholastic store open
    - Holiday boutique
        - Back to the old way of us buying gifts instead of using a company
        - All items will be $1-$5 for pricing
        - Trying for better quality items
        - Dec 1st-2nd
        - Sign ups will go out closer to date

11. Unfinished business
    - Vote to approve minutes from last meeting - Approved
    - Playground vote: Option 3 wins
        - 6 week lead time
        - 2 week for install (needs to be scheduled)
        - Hoffman’s is donating mulch ($3,400)
    - BOE candidate Q&A update. Oct. 20 at Valley View Chapel 7 p.m.

12. Announcements

- Next meeting: Nov. 17th at 7 p.m.

13. Adjourn 7:39