

## Falcon Families of SFES Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

- Welcome/Introductions/Overview
  - Meeting brought to order at 6:16 pm
  - Reviewed mission statement, flow of meetings, included process for “motion to approve”
  - PTO vs. fundraising
    - This group used to be PTO but now is a non-profit 501(c)(3) primarily used to raise funds to for field trips, playground equipment, and other needs identified by the school.
    - Question came up from an attendee regarding more formal questions, such as why students are leaving, why are people choosing school choice, etc.
      - Lynn replied that these would be better addressed at a school board meeting or 1:1 meetings, open forum, etc. vs. Falcon Families meetings.
      - Factual piece – open record request; other question would be dependent on what is for who to contact.
    - For Falcon Families board meetings there is a teacher sign-up for who attends
      - Feedback from attendee: Try to get one teach from each grade level
    - Next steps: FF Board to get with Lynn to discuss next steps for PTO
      - *UPDATE 9/18: Board discussed with Lynn and we’ve decided to keep as is for the 2024-25 school year.*
- Principal’s Report: Lynn Bub
  - Gallup survey once a year – family version and staff version
    - Working on family engagement – conversation with child’s teacher, how you engage with your child.
  - Fundraising support rich opportunities students participate in; the school is very appreciative of people volunteering and the ability for Falcon Families to raise money to support.
  - Changes to field trips; trips need to follow the curriculum and allow for children to make the connections
    - Falcon families pays for entry fee and school provides transportation
  - Act 20 – new law passed in July; AKA Right to Read Act
    - New assessment prescribed by the state to ensure children can read proficiently by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
    - After the January assessment, any child that needs to be on a reading plan will need a family meeting.
      - Plan to use conference time for this.
    - Feedback – consider offering parents an overview/free training for families to get a better understanding
      - Cox Campus literacy series; can create own account
  - Referendum information

- Lynn’s job is to provide factual information so parents and the community can make an informed decision
    - Detailed information is posted online: [Referendum 2024 | School District of Sheboygan Falls](#)
  - There are currently 572 total students at the Elementary School
  - September newsletter content due 9/23
- Secretary’s Report: Ashley Pantel
  - Reviewed meeting minutes from May 9, 2024
  - Motion to approve at 6:45 by Olivia; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jade
- Treasurer’s Report: Olivia Zeman
  - \$1500 for field trips by grade – some are over, some under so it’s usually a wash
  - Dine & donates we raised more than budget in 2024
  - One thing not reflected is two field trip requests that were approved after Treasurer’s report was printed
    - \$770 to kindergarten for children’s museum
    - \$869.50 for Camp Y Koda
  - Motion to approve the budget at 6:48 by Beth; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica
- Fundraising Committee:
  - Current
    - Dine & Donates all set for the year
      - September 17 – Tom’s Drive-In
      - October 16 – Buffalo Wild Wings
      - November 5 – Qdoba
      - December 10 – Texas Roadhouse
      - January 14 – Panera
      - February 11 – Rocky Rococo
      - March 18 – Tom’s Drive-In
      - April 8 – Jersey Mike’s (*tentative*)
      - May 14 – Noodles & Co.
      - Children will come home with stickers as a reminder the day of
    - Charleston Wrap Fundraiser – Now through October 4
      - Packets will be sent home with students the week of 9/16
    - Fall Craft & Vendor Fair – Saturday, October 19
    - Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser – October 10-29
      - Gift cards from the fundraiser will be delivered to use for the December dine and donate
    - Fall Book Fair – November 4-14
      - Open before school and during conferences
  - Future Fundraiser Ideas
- Other Important Dates
  - 2024-25 Board Meeting Dates from 6:15pm-7:30pm
    - September 12, 2024
    - November 21, 2024
    - January 9, 2025
    - March 13, 2025

- May 8, 2025
  - Parent Teacher Conferences
    - November 7
    - November 14
  - No school for students (Sept – Nov):
    - Friday, September 27
    - Friday, October 18
    - Friday, November 15
    - Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29
- Open Forum
  - Box Tops – Link Walmart account; school will automatically get credit for box tops if account is linked; no need to upload anything for qualifying items purchased through the Walmart app
  - If anyone knows of any grants, please let Angella know; if a school district email is required, she is able to complete
  - Check with your employer to see if there are any matches they offer
  - Fundraiser ideas:
    - Consider a family game night to sell concessions with parents and teachers
    - Reach out to local organizations like the Sheboygan Jaycees to help execute events
    - Movie night – pjs, snacks, etc.
    - Guilt free fundraiser – always live!
      - Have throughout the year with different goals/tiers and at the end have a party
  - For field trips, consider sending home slips or posting on the Falcon Families FB page for families willing to donate to support the Guilt-free
- Motion to adjourn at 7:23 by Liv; 2nd by Emily

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 21 from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the library

*Falcon Families of SFES organization overview: This group helps our school by funding field trips, acquiring technology and books, sponsoring events, etc.*