

Falcon Families of SFES Meeting Agenda

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: 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 3rd 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; 2nd 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; 2nd 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 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 4-15
 - 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

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- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - November 7
 - November 14
- No school for students (Sept – Nov):
 - Friday, September 27
 - Friday, October 18
 - Friday, November 15
 - Thursday, November 27 - Friday, November 29
- Open Forum
 - Box Tops – Link Walmart account; will automatically
 - Flyers will be sent home with students to encourage families and friends to participate
 - 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
 - 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.