

**The Ranches Academy FSO Executive Board
Committee Meeting
December 3, 2015**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call:** Natalie Erickson, Susie Scherer, Liz Stone, Kris Ewert, Leann Bateman, Wendy Ford, Thelma Davies, Crystal Spencer, Debi Morris
- III. Review of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of November 5, 2015 Minutes:** Passes unanimously
- V. Executive Committee Business**
 - a. *Calendar:* For Inspirations this year, only about 35 kids entered. The money that the school puts into it may not be worth it if there is only a few participating. It has been slowly declining every year, but last year there were at least 50-60 participants. Next year we may just try promoting it more and having submission deadlines later in the year. If we do decide not to do it we may look into using the money for an after school art club. Wendy Ford has a friend who has done assemblies to promote art and the inspirations program. She now lives in Eagle Mountain so Wendy will see how much it will cost to have her come next year. In the past she has painted something in front of the kids while explaining what art does for the brain. Then the art work can either be displayed in the school or auctioned off to earn money.
 - b. *Budget Update:* Sandy Richins was unable to attend today's meeting so we will have to get an update from her later to see how our budget is doing. We do need to look into how much was actually spent on Inspirations this year so we know if any can be transferred over to the Reading (AR Parties and Jazz Reading) budget.
 - c. *Year Book:* Natalie has received information from companies offering to do yearbooks for our school this year. Susie said that our school did yearbooks the first couple years but not many people bought them. Many of the teachers tend to do a small one for the class that everyone can sign. Decided to not offer them.
 - d. *Assemblies:* Natalie is also receiving information about assemblies offered for schools. The students love assemblies, but many of them tend to be about \$400. If there are any that are free or have a very low cost then we will consider them.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. *Student of the Month:* Not much has changed for student of the month since last meeting. Leann is trying to contact Domino's Pizza to see if they will price match Little Caesar's because they are closer and easier to pick up for the lunch. If they do not match the price then we may move the lunch to 12:00 pm to give her adequate time to pick up the food. We have plenty of drinks in the breakroom. Nothing else new to report.
 - b. *AR Party:* Dani was unable to come but there is nothing new for her to report. Everything is ready to go for the first party which is now December 11th. She has plenty of volunteers and everything is planned.
 - c. *Spelling Bee:* Everything seems to be running smoothly. Still in need for parent

volunteers to help facilitate the individual class spelling bees which will be held on December 16th. The school bee will be on January 8th around 1:00 pm in the lunchroom. Susie will read the words and Crystal and Kris will be the judges. The sign-up genius will be sent out again to offer volunteer opportunities. More prizes may still be needed but there are many from the FSO still available for use.

- d. *Science Fair*: The school science fair will be on January 28th. Judging projects for the older grades will happen sometime the week prior to the presentations while the younger kids will be judged the day of the presentations. We really need to get more kids participating so that we can send more to present at the regional charter school science fair. We are allowed to send 10% of the schools projects, so the more that participate, the more that get to move on. We may be able to do after school classes to help the kids prepare their projects. To increase the number of students participating we may offer a free dress day or homework pass to those who come to the after school classes (which may be able to be held on January 6th and 13th but we are unsure on the date as of yet). Will be needing volunteers, a sign up will be going around soon.
- e. *Jazz Reading*: Books on tape do not work this year. Someone has to actually be reading to the child or have them reading themselves for hours to count. Thelma has been coming up with a few activities and prize options. She has several books and the school has been collecting several small prizes. Oriental trading has frequent coupons and Party Land in Lehi offers discounts to the school as well. We also have some scarves that can be handed out. Razor Scooters are on sale right now on Amazon so the school will order two of them as raffle prizes. Last year they handed out about 100 prizes per week. Every week there will be a new activity that can help increase the amount of reading hours. Some of the ideas discussed today a pancake dinner again (may change to hot chocolate and popcorn) and also the daddy and doughnuts reading. There is a 4' trophy that will be passed from class to class depending on the winner for the week. We will try to give prizes to the teachers as well to help them motivate the students. They really enjoy the free dress day passes as well so those will be considered.
- f. *Other Business*: The next FSO meeting will not be held until Tuesday January 12th.

VII. Adjournment