

The Ranches Academy FSO Executive Board Committee Meeting

January 12, 2016

- I. **Call to order**
- II. **Roll Call:** Natalie Erickson, Susie Scherer, Kris Ewert, Leann Bateman, Wendy Ford, Sandy Richins, Kammi Pyles
- III. **Review of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of December 3, 2015 Minutes:** Passes unanimously
- V. **Executive Committee Business**
 - a. *Calendar:* Regional Inspirations will be on March 11th and the State awards will be on April 22nd.
The next family Classic Skating night is scheduled for February 17th from 4-8:30 pm.
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be February 24th-25th from 3-7 pm. We will discuss specifics about the skate night and the conferences at the next FSO meeting.
The Jazz Reading program goes from January 15th-February 16th.
Kick-Off Assembly will be Friday January 15th at 8:15 am
Daddy Donut Day will be Friday February 5th at 7:00 am
PJ Reading Night will be either February 10th or 11th at 6:00 pm
Reward Assembly should be on February 18th at 9:30 am; however, if we do place in the top 10 and have a Jazz player come to our school, the date may need to be moved.
 - b. *Budget Update:* Money has been moved from other programs to add to the Jazz Reading program. We had \$1,000.00 then were able to increase it to \$1,236.62. After purchasing many things for the program we now have \$698.12. We will still need to pay for the winning class pizza party, possibly donuts for the Daddy Donut Day, and the reward assembly.
Science fair and the student of the month's budgets seem to be doing very well. Committee heads report no problems.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a. *Student of the Month* – Leann Bateman & Cheryl Stoner: Things seem to be going well. For a while it seemed as though many of the students were not coming to the pizza lunch but Susie spoke with the teachers to remind them to notify the parents. Domino's Pizza will now price match Little Caesars Pizza prices so the commute to get the pizza will be much easier.
 - b. *Bulletin Board* – Kammi Pyles: Kammi would like to make the volunteer section of the bulletin board more noticeable and easier for parents to sign-up on. There will be a section showing the volunteer opportunities with the e-mail or phone number (depending on permission) of the department head for them to contact. Next month is a jungle theme. Will try to incorporate that with the Jazz Reading program.
 - c. *Science Fair* – Wendy Ford: Judging for 5th and 6th grades will be held on January 21st-22nd, so all of their projects will be due no later than the 21st. Kindergarten through 4th grade projects will be due January 28th. The younger grades will not be judged, they will only have the judges listen to their presentations. The school fair is scheduled for January 28th. The walk-through, prize table, and touch table will be from 5:15-6:00 pm. At 6:00pm will be the awards. P.E. will be done by 11:00 am that day so the science fair will be able to set up after that. We are still in need for volunteers to help with the judging. Kris Ewert has volunteered to help already. Susie will send out an e-mail to try to get more judges. So far no students are coming to the after school program designed to help them with their projects (and get more submissions to help our school). We will try again by offering incentives such as free dress day passes. Wendy will either send an e-mail to the teachers/parents of the older classes or go in to each class and speak to the kids and help persuade them to participate. She will also be showing some sample projects so they can see how easy some of the options are.

- d. *Regional Inspirations* – Gen Bowerbank: The date for Regional Inspirations is on March 11th. It has not yet been announced where they will be held. The state awards will be on April 22nd. We would really like to keep inspirations going at our school even though fewer kids have been participating. Last FSO meeting we discussed someone coming to do an assembly, we still want to do that next year. We will also try doing it later in the year to see if more decide to participate. We will try to make a stronger effort to show the kids that it is more than just drawing a picture. Samples of other projects will be available next year for the kids to see. When the awards are given out, we would like to have the students show or perform their projects as well instead of just being mentioned.
- e. *Jazz Reading* – Thelma, Jessica, and Shellece: We had a meeting about Jazz Reading January 11th but have decided to change a few dates and ideas.
- The kick-off assembly is still on Friday January 15th at 8:15 am. It will only be for about 15 minutes. We will quickly review the program, show some of the prizes, explain the goal and reward assembly, and really try to get the kids excited about the program. Susie has approved to have the school mascot ride around on a scooter during the assembly (one of the prizes).
 - Daddy donut day has been moved to Friday February 5th at 7:00 am. We are still planning on checking with Krispy Kreme and other local companies to try to get as many donuts donated as possible, we will need about 500. Heather Walker (Board Member) has a husband who works for Maverick. Hopefully they can help get us a discount on Dunford donuts. We will no longer be paying for water bottles; we will ask that families bring their own. If we cannot get enough donuts donated, we will either send around a sign-up genius for parents to bring some, or use some of the money left in the budget.
 - PJ reading night is likely going to be on either February 10th or the 11th at 6:00 pm. The school needs more money for a fundraiser so it will be more of a dinner (no longer popcorn and hot chocolate). It will probably be hotdogs with chips and water. Susie will check on costs and decide how much a tickets will cost (we have 365 students and 206 families at the school). Instead of charging everyone at the door, tickets will be offered in advance to help us figure out how much food to purchase (can still pay at the door as well). A sign-up genius will be used for the food products and the school will pay for anything else not brought in. The school staff will cook and help serve so no parent volunteers will be needed in the kitchen. The school board would like to do a silent auction that night as well. Will probably consist of items kids make in the classrooms. We would like to get a local author to come and read so the date will depend on the author.
 - The reward assembly will be difficult to schedule as of yet. The tentative date is still Thursday February 18th at 9:30 am. It will only happen if the school reaches their goal of reading for 450,000 minutes. Ideas for the assembly are still the scales and tails guy, the bean museum, a magician, and a teacher activity. Teacher activity ideas include lip syncing, sumo wrestling, minute to win it games, etc. If we are in the top 10 schools then a Jazz player will come and visit. We do not get to choose the date that he comes so the reward assembly will have to change dates.
 - The reading slips will be similar to last year. They will be color coded per week. Parental volunteers will be asked to come and make the copies and cut the pages. They will be handed out by Thursday January 14th. The weeks that have the daddy donut day and the PJ reading night will need to have an extra space to record those minutes. Information will be sent home with the children explaining the program and the rules with the first week's slips. We will speak to Liz about the best way to help her tally the minutes to figure out who gets the prizes each week.
 - The before and after school reading program will be similar to last year. Parent volunteers will be needed for before school reading at 7:00 am. Thelma will do it on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The only book allowed to be taken from the library for the program is one that the adult will be reading; the kids are allowed to read the books in the box. We will need 2 teachers to volunteer each day for the after school reading. Gift cards will be provided for those teachers who are willing.

VII. Adjournment: Wendy Ford motioned to adjourn, Sandy Richins second. Next FSO meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 4th.