

The Ranches Academy FSO Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2016

- I. **Call to order:** Kris Ewert called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Kris Ewert, Kristy Stoner, Dani Cousin, Camille Campbell, Susie Scherer, Debi Morris
- III. **Review of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of October 12th, 2016 Minutes:** Approval of minutes will wait until next meeting, not enough FSO board members were present today.
- V. **Executive Committee Business**
 - a. **Calendar:** Fire safety week went very well, the kids really loved it. Kris brought a book from the library to read to the students until the firefighters were able to get there. Next year, we will be sure to do the same thing to entertain the kids, especially if they get called away.
 - b. **Treasurer Report:** We have \$50 left over from Constitution Day that was not used. We will discuss where it should be allocated at the next meeting.
 - c. **Allocation of Scarecrow Festival Winnings:** We won \$200 from the scarecrow festival (we were also the only school who participated). No receipts have been submitted yet so we are not sure how much it costed us to create it. We will discuss at the next meeting to see where the winnings should be allocated.
 - d. **Initial Review of FSO Bylaws:** A meeting has been scheduled for November 16th at 9:30 am for all FSO board members to attend to discuss any changes that need to be made to the Bylaws.
- VI. **Officer or Committee Reports**
 - a. **Spelling Bee-December/January (Kristy Stoner):** The individual class Spelling Bees will be held on December 7th at 1:00 pm. We will need at least 1 parent volunteer in each class for all 1st-6th grades (Mrs. Brown will take care of Kindergarten). A sign-up genius will be created for those 12 volunteer positions. Parents are not allowed to volunteer in their own child's classroom. The school Spelling Bee for the class winners of 3rd-6th grades will be on January 31st at 1:00. We will need one volunteer to MC and 2 volunteers as judges. The District Spelling Bee will be held in March. Kristy Stoner will send out the spelling words list for kids to start practicing. We already have some certificates for her to use, and her budget is \$200 for prizes.
 - b. **Student of the Month (Elizabeth Lloyd & Cheryl Stoner):** Everything is going well, the next Student of the Month lunch is going to be on November 7th.
 - c. **Veteran's Day - November 11th (James Montgomery)**

The assembly will consist of: **Color Guard** (provided by the Utah Army National Guard - approved by UTNG), a **Guest Speaker** (also Utah Army Nation Guard - approved by UTNG), **Static Vehicle Display** (United States Marine Corp - still awaiting approval from Washington DC HQ), an **Essay Contest** (winner will read essay at an assembly), **Tribute Thank You** to Veterans in attendance, and the **National Anthem** sung by the Children's Choir
 - d. **Battle of the Books - January/February (Corissa Hanson):** A pep assembly will be scheduled, hopefully within the next few weeks to help get the students excited about the program. Sign-ups will go through the end of November, early December to see how many students want to participate. We will have Corissa figure out prices for the t-shirts, lanyards, and pins per student so we know how much it will cost (may need to charge \$5.00 per student participant). We initially discussed having 1st-6th graders participate in the battles, but now we might just have it be 3rd-6th grades. There are no questions for the 1st and 2nd grade book lists so we would have to create our own (we may be able to use the AR questions). We will plan something else for K-2nd grades to do. Other schools would pull the students out of class to practice and have the battles. Instead of removing the students from their classes, we may want to just keep it as an after school activity. Will discuss more at the next meeting. Sally Blaser will present both the Battle of the Books and the Kindergarten Reading Contest to the teachers and let them choose which program they want to do.
 - e. **Kindergarten Reading Contest Program:** Summer Montgomery has been working on this and will have it figured out before December. We will either discuss it further at the next FSO meeting or schedule a separate board meeting to discuss it.
 - f. **AR Parties (Dani Cousin & Abby Isaacson):** The period ends on November 18th. The first AR party is scheduled for December 2nd; the time is still TBD pending use of the gym or lunch room. It is an Olympic theme with different relay races (snowball balancing, pom-pom shooters), treats & drinks

stations, and making medals out of fruit loops and candy bars. Most of the budget is being saved for the last party of the year (bounce houses). 1st and 2nd graders are almost all meeting their goals, but the older grades are struggling. Posters will be made and placed around the school to help incentivize the older children. We may even be able to do pizza parties, hopefully donated by Domino's Pizza, for the class that gets the most kids reaching their goal (only the kids who reach their goals would participate in the pizza party) between the 3rd and 4th grade classes, and another competition between 5th and 6th grade classes. The 1st and 2nd graders will win extra P.E. time, recess time, or some other small prize. Teachers can even win Kneaders gift cards if their class wins. We will have Heather put in the Newsletter information for parent's to checkup on their students' progress. Parents can send the title of the book to their teachers so they can take the quiz either in class, at recess, before or after school.

- g. Inspirations (Camille Campbell): Due to the Inspirations program being cancelled for this year, Camille has been working on different art programs for the students to participate in. The school will be having art challenges 4 times throughout the school year. The students will be given a theme, and they can submit any visual art (2-D preferred and no larger than 11"x14") created with any medium (water color, chalk, glitter, markers, etc.) to the front office with their name and grade written on the back. The pictures will be displayed at the school. A winner from each grade will be chosen and given a prize. The first theme is, "Reasons to be Grateful" and is due by November 14th. The other challenges will be in January (The New Year), March (Dr. Seuss Day), and April (Earth Day). The budget for the arts program \$250.00. Information will be out in the Newsletter and during the morning announcements.
- h. Other topics: Art club will hopefully be starting in January and will be every other week. We may plan an activity for all the mom's to participate in since we have our Daddy and Donuts activity. It's possible that we can schedule Mom's and Muffins for May 12th @ 2:15. The kids can eat muffins with their mom's (and siblings if they need to come) outside on a picnic blanket.

VII. **Adjournment:** Next meeting will be held on November 30th at 9:30 am. Kris Ewert motioned, Debi Morris second.