

MINUTES

Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet Site Council

September 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Bill Lynch, Chair at 4:30 p.m.

In attendance

Sherry Brooks, Terri Smith, May Seng Cha, Craig Guidrey, Richard Streeper, Nicole Linder, Nancy Jones, Mary Francis Clardy, Kevin Motz, Jill Wall, Greg Collins, Steve Brown, Bill Lynch, Dr. Vincent,

Excused absence: Kellie Riley, Alex Toni, Sherry Hall

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were read or approved – first meeting of the year.

Dr. Vincent's report: staffing updates and 2009-10 goals and priorities.

Priorities include:

- Master schedule
- Focus on strategic comprehension skills of all materials learned, going beyond just comprehension (regurgitation of materials learned).
- District has a new behavior model – Positive Schoolwide Behavior
- There is a district wide staff cultural proficiency training
- Academic teams – enrichment activities
- Enhance school spirit – beginning with sports
- Student Council: all 5th-8th graders can participate
- Encourage usage of parent portal: <http://farnsworth.spps.org> or <https://ereport.spps.org/campus/portal/stpaul.jsp>
- Spent \$2500 to help Project Lead the Way get started

Budget is affected due to new staff and need to replenish staff supplies.

Aerospace report: Jill Wall

Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet was invited to share their program for a day at the Minnesota State Fair in the Minnesota Department of Education booth. Parent and student volunteers staffed the booth. Students helped fair goers construct a paper glider, launch the gliders and educated them about aerospace. Commissioner Seagren was there that day and became more aware of our program and was instructed on how to build a glider by the kids, and took pictures with them.

Event calendar for September:

- September 16th – Training for new staff on "Aerospace Focus."
- September 22nd – **Family Night** with information on Extended Trips for the year and Title 1 Night.

Event calendar for October:

- October 1-2, 4-7th - **Starbase** Grade 4
- October 4-9th – **Space Camp** Huntsville, AL.

- 24-6th graders and 24-8th graders will attend. The 6th graders will participate in Space Academy and the 8th graders will participate in Aviation Challenge MAC II.
- October 27th – **Family Night** – Kathleen Winters, author who wrote about Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

3M will have a special school supply drive for the PreK-4 students. 3M also is funding the Strategic Science Engineering Initiative (SSEI) programs available to all Farnsworth Aerospace students.

Volunteers are needed to help with all school functions such as FSA fundraisers, garden upkeep, Box top promotion, interpreting for school conferences, and Family day events.

Site Council Goals for 2009-10:

- A. Communicate to parents and staff with a monthly newsletter that covers the activities of both sites. Every month in our newsletter, we could have about 4-5 items for parents to react to.
- B. Campus Beautification efforts – On Friday, September 18th, the Corporate Volunteerism Council of the Twin Cities are bringing up to 100 volunteers to work on the 5-8 campus from 1-4 p.m. Jackie Kearns, District building and grounds supervisor, will be made aware of the beautification project.
- C. New athletic uniforms with the updated logo have been ordered for soccer, flag football and volleyball. The gym and cafeteria have been painted white so no old Cleveland logos are present in the 5-8 campus.
- D. Marketing the school's official name: **Farnsworth Aerospace Pre-K- 8**. All efforts to screen websites, needed documents and other reference to make our name consistent is underway and will be a continuous process throughout the year.
- E. **Proposed meeting dates for future Site Council meetings: The next meeting will be Oct. 26th. There will be no meeting in November as we will begin meeting on the first Monday of every month as of December. There is a conflict with several members if meeting on the 3rd and 4th Mondays.**
- F. The Oct., Feb., Apr., and June meetings will be at the Pre-4 Campus. The Dec., Jan., March and May meetings will be at the 5-8 Campus
Oct. 26th , Dec.7th, Jan.4th, Feb.1st, Mar.1st, Apr.5th, May 3rd, June 7th.
- G. Membership from last year 2008-2009 Site Council will remain the same.
- H. Site Council by-laws will be finalized soon. A committee was formed to review and make recommendations to finalize By-Laws by the next meeting.
- I. May Seng Cha was unanimously voted as Site Council Secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Next Meeting

October 26th, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., Pre-K-4 Campus

Minutes submitted by
May Seng Cha, Secretary