

FOSMS meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 2024

Date:	October 17, 2024
Time:	5:00 PM
Location:	Main Office Conference Room
Meeting called to order by:	Birdie Holley

In attendance

- Birdie Holley, Christina Leathers, Jennifer Hurtman, Mark Niedlinger, Krista Schrotenboer, and Leslie Dokianakis.
- Absent: Creela Hamlin

Approval of minutes

- September meeting minutes were approved following the meeting and posted on the FOSMS webpage.

Serve A Thon Follow-Up (Birdie)

- Final numbers: \$34,355 SMS (HS Clubs - \$5455, MS - \$15,645, Businesses - \$12,275)
- Next Year Overall Lead: Birdie
- Next Year Event Lead: Rebecca Andexler
- Next Year Fund Hub Lead: Ingrid Bensen
- Next Year Field Trip Lead/Incentive Lead: Will work with 5th grade parents.
- Next Year's Serve A Thon will start later next year to allow for more robust participation.
- FOSMS secured funding for the HS Robotics team to go to competition.

Treasury Update (Christina)

- Filed annual report with the State of MI
- Serve A Thon funds are incoming; therefore, plan check on annual budget vs. actual at November meeting.
- Audit forthcoming at the end of October and performed by Heidi Hunt.
- Change of FOSMS address from Christina's residence to school address.
- The group voted and unanimously approved to make the FOSMS working budget to become the actual budget for 2024-25.

Drama Club Update (Justine)

- The Drama Club is now in full swing. We will be doing "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" this year. The performance is set for January 31, February 1 & 2. Auditions were held on October 2nd and we had a wonderful turn out. The production currently has 20 students with speaking roles and 12 non-speaking, but yes dancing Oompa Loompas.
- Julie Barman has taken over the organizing of volunteers, we have the Barman's who are in charge of The Chocolate Room, the Glass Elevator, Wonka's Boat and the Entrance to Wonka's Factory. The Johnson family is in charge of the Invention Room which includes the Everlasting Gobstopper machine. The Andexlers and Carrs are handling all printed materials such as posters, programs and tickets. Mr. Heyeser has agreed to build the Golden Egg scale.
- Laurie Birkholtz has sponsored the printing of show tee-shirts so that every student participating in the production (both on stage and with set construction) will be given a free tee shirt.
- Julie Barman donated Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Saugatuck Drama Club water bottle stickers for everyone in the cast and crew.
- We have begun discussions with the Elementary School to have a special performance of the show for all the Elementary school students on Thursday, January 30. Michelle has signed off on this and now we are working with the central office to coordinate the logistics i.e. buses, time frames, seating.....
- Set construction has already begun, but both rehearsals and the sets have been waylaid by the state of the stage. There is quite a bit of extraneous storage items on the stage that is currently rendering it unusable by the Drama Club now. Mr. Neidlinger has agreed to get that cleared out for us. No date was set.
- I have brought on Saugatuck Alumni Zee Boyce to be my assistant director this season. She has an extensive theatre background and will be a huge asset to this production. She has agreed to be my assistant director for the fee of \$750.

Principle update (Mark)

- There will be a Middle School Halloween Dance on Thursday 10/31/24. More to follow.
- Picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday 10/22/24.
- We are 4 short weeks away from exam time.
- Veterans Day 11/11/24 – Sr. seminar class to make breakfast for veterans and assist with veterans gathering downtown Saugatuck.

Teacher Updates (Open to all Teachers)

Committee Updates

- No teachers present, no updates at this time.

Field Trips Update (Birdie)

- Cranes (10/9) – went well, was suggested that 8th grade may be too old for it? Maybe a different idea next year for 8th graders. The group agreed that this trip is redundant by the time 8th grade hits and a new venue will be selected for a winter themed field trip
- Proposed: RollXcape May 2, 2025: 12:00pm-2:00pm
 - You have requested a rental for up to 200 people. I will get an invoice over to you shortly.
 - Yes, we have the café open unless you request it to be closed so people can buy themselves a drink or snack if they would like. We will have the café open.
 - Pricing – the Rink rental pricing is as follows for 2 hours:
 - Up to 30 people (2 hrs) = \$450
 - Up to 50 people (2 hrs) = \$600
 - Up to 100 people (2 hrs) = \$800
 - Up to 150 people (2 hrs) = \$1000
 - **Up to 200 people (2 hrs) = \$1200**
 - Up to 250 people (2 hrs) = \$1400
 - Up to 300 people (2 hrs) = \$1600
 - Up to 350 people (2 hrs) = \$1800
 - Up to 400 people, max (2 hrs) = \$2000
 - Birdie will invoice \$1200 to RollXcape to hold the reservation.
 - Food: Rink rental allows you to bring your own food/drinks in or we will have the café open for purchases.
 - Music: During a private rental we will still schedule a DJ, but you can choose which music genre you would like or DO NOT want to hear. i.e. – play general pop, but no country music, Totally 80s! If you have a playlist you would like us to use we will use as much of it as our system allows. We appreciate that ahead of time. We've requested that nothing inappropriate be played.

Teacher appreciation update (Birdie)

- No update but still looking for a few volunteers.
- Leslie and Jennifer volunteered to assist. Birdie will set up a separate committee meeting for this purpose.

Teacher meals update (Birdie)

- First meals were last week, 10/8 and provided by The Little Store in Fennville. It went well, and there was a lot of food!
- Next lunch is Thursday, 11/7 provided by the Culinary Club. They will be doing a taco bar & salad, with more specifics to follow. They are informed on all dietary needs.

6th Grade Fun Night update (Jennifer & Creela)

- Friday, February 28, 2025. Space is reserved in the Collaboration Space and the Connecting Hallway.

7th & 8th Grade Dance update (Krista & Creela)

- Friday, March 7, 2025. Space is reserved in the Collaboration Space and the Connecting Hallway.

MEMBER COMMENTS (ALL)

- Birdie advised that DES has 20-25 VR headsets with learning curriculums already loaded. However, they are not being maximized and wanted to know if the high school might be interested in mentoring small groups of students in the use of these as a learning tool. Mark will take that request to the faculty.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting will be on November 21, 2024, at 5:30PM in the school main office conference room.