

# FOSMS meeting Minutes

November 2024

Date:	January 9, 2025
Time:	8:30 AM
Location:	Front Office Main Conference Room
Meeting called to order by:	Birdie Holley

## In attendance

- Board Members: Birdie Holley, Mark Niedlinger, Christina Leathers, Creela Hamlin, Leslie Dokianakis
- Members: Melanie Moorer, Justine Kolev & Katherine Bryers

## Treasury Update (Christina)

- Provided financial update for months ending in October, November & December.
- Printed copies given to Melanie Moorer for filing at school.

## Drama Club Update (Justine)

- Majority of the funds for drama are still in school account. The school will pay out expenses for this year's play, and then send remaining balance to FOSMS/SHS group, for the drama dept. Any revenues from this year's performance will also be placed in FOSMS/SHS group bank account.
- We plan on adding a second bank account for our group, for the drama club to keep funds separated. Will still be included in monthly reports of the FOSMS/SHS group as a sub-committee.
- Annual performance this year is Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Date of the performance is the last weekend of January, with an early showing at SMS/SHS for our DES students who will be bussed over to watch.
- Justine would love to have the play fall on the last weekend of January for future years.
- Justine is so appreciative of all the parent support she has received this year!

## Superintendent Update (Mark)

- Mark shared that he's enjoying the first few days of his role. Lots of meetings and gathering of information of the schools. He visited with Pre-School and Elementary this week and is excited for what the future holds.

## Principle Update (Melanie)

- Melanie will work on helping us find a new date for our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night
- Information sent to Ms. Moorer on the SCA field trip and learning opportunities. She will work with Whitney to see what they can get partnered this Spring.

## Teacher Updates (Open to all Teachers)

- None present.

## MS Halloween Dance Follow Up (Krista)

- It was simple. We spent \$100 on décor and food – individual Halloween themed snacks, 2 trays of cookies from Sam's and little Halloween waters. We had Scott K play music using his sound system and he made a playlist. We just need volunteers to set up, clean up and chaperones for the dance.
- It was agreed that the Friends of Group would fund and plan this all for next year. Would like to keep it very similar (and simple) as it was done in 2024.

## Field Trip Committee Update (Birdie)

- Would love to get some SCA Field Trips on the calendar for this school year.
  - We hope you fail better exhibit is on now through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tour of the gallery, hands on art making and reflective writing. Explore failure and its essential role in the creative process. 60–90-minute field trip, \$7 per visitor. SCA is willing to discount it to \$5 per student and is open to all SMS & SHS students!!!
  - Mountainfilm for Students – features 50-90-minute playlists of documentary shorts. Not yet registered, \$0 per visitor, March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (I have a link for available times, if needed)
  - Classroom Outreach – Everyone makes mistakes. January 20<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tues & Thur preferred, 3-4 visits to the school, +1 field trip to the SCA (45-60-minute sessions). Cost \$0.
  - Birdie emailed Mrs. Moorer the details and she will handle from here.
- Already Planned: RollXcape, May 2, 2025 from 12-2pm.
  - Rental for up to 200 people, invoice paid.
  - Food: Rink rental allows you to bring your own food/drinks in and they will have the café open for purchases, so students can bring \$
  - Music: Just nothing inappropriate ☺

## Teacher Appreciation Committee Update (Birdie & Leslie)

- Birdie & Leslie plan to spruce up the teachers' lounge. We will wait until new furniture is installed this January and see how we can liven it up in there. Ideas tossed around were artwork, new plates, cups, silverware, etc.
- Also plan to do a week of activities. A day of breakfast, lunch, snack, etc. Working out details.

## Teacher Meal Committee Update (Birdie)

- Happystance – January (possible date 1/30)
- Culinary Club – February (looking to do during PT Conference Week)
- Saugataco – March (finalizing dates soon)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night Update (Jennifer & Creela)

- Jennifer & Creela plan to meet soon.
- Melanie is working on finding us a new date. UPDATE: New date confirmed for 3/14/25.

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (Creela, Justine, & Krista)

- Still scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> (1/2 day). DJ & Photo booth booked.
- Hoping to try and make it more tech free, so kids aren't on phones the entire time.
- Possibly bring in a photographer as well.
- To assist with planning, Krista provided Jennifer with a copy of last year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade fun night planning and execution notes.
- Will get a save the date with date info soon so parents have on their calendars.
- Parent chaperones are already decided and will be the ONLY parents allowed in the event, no exceptions.
- Event to take place in SMS/SHS breezeway & collab space.

## MEMBER COMMENTS (ALL)

- Katherine Bryers wanted to show her support (and encouragement) for the school to do more with the SCA. She would also love to see perhaps a Jazz Band or other band type function there, if possible

## NEXT MEETING

- Our next planned meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2025, 8:30AM, in the SPS Main Conference Room