

The Ranches Academy FSO Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12th, 2016

- I. **Call to order:** Heather Thomas motioned, Summer Montgomery second
- II. **Roll Call:** Kris Ewert, Summer Montgomery, Kammi Pyles, Tina Walters, Shellece Gruber, Heather Thomas, Susie Scherer, Corissa Hanson, Angela Waite, Debi Morris
- III. **Review Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of August 31st, 2016 Minutes:** Passes unanimously
- V. **Executive Committee Business**
 - a. **Calendar:** Fire Safety week has been moved to October 17th. Red Ribbon Week will be October 25th-28th (only 4 days because of Fall Break).
 - b. **Treasurer Report:** The budget is looking great. We need more receipts to be turned in. We ask that all receipts are submitted within 30 days of purchases. All receipts have to be submitted before June 1st 2017.
 - c. **FSO Bylaws:** We would like to get the FSO bylaws put onto the school's website. Kris Ewert will talk to Becky Anderson and see if she would like to type them up. Both the FSO and the school board need to approve any changes made to the existing bylaws. The FSO will try to have their changes submitted before January so the board can review it at their next meeting.
- VI. **Officer or Committee Reports**
 - a. **Bulletin (Kammi Pyles):** We will start putting the most recent newsletter onto the bulletin board. To go along with the calendar that is already on the bulletin, Kammi will emphasize upcoming activities so the students and parents will be more likely to notice them. Any committee heads who want their information put on the bulletin can contact Kammi and she will arrange it.
 - b. **Newsletter:** The links for volunteer opportunities were not submitted correctly, we will work on getting those fixed. Any committee heads that need volunteers can send the information and the link for the sign-up genius to Heather and she will put it in the next newsletter. Any information requested for the October newsletter will need to be e-mailed to her by Monday so she can send out the newsletter by Wednesday. Heather will also notify families of 4th grade students that they can receive free National Parks passes if they register online. She will also look into 5th-6th grade band possibilities and put the info in as well. A section will also be done on the following month's character trait to work on for the Student of the Month. Information about the scarecrow festival food drive (see below) will also be added.
 - c. **Student of the Month (Elizabeth Lloyd & Cheryl Stoner):** The first Student of the Month lunch went great. No problems or concerns to report.
 - d. **Family Skate Night at Classic Skating- September 29th:** It also went very well except it was very crowded this year. Thursday is their \$1.00 skate night so it tends to be one of their busiest nights. Next year, we will try to plan it so neither of our skate nights is on a Thursday. Our February skate night is already scheduled and it is on a Wednesday.
 - e. **Constitution Day-September 19th:** It went very well except a video that was shown may have been a little too graphic. The impersonators who came for the assembly were fantastic.
 - f. **Parent Teacher Conferences - October 3rd-7th/Teacher Appreciation (Kiran Baker & Marci Murri):** The Parent Teacher Conferences went very well. There was a lot of food brought in. Teacher Appreciation is still a ways out but the committee has already discussed doing a super hero theme. The teachers will be supplied food every day that week. So far we have Café Rio and some desserts supplied by Summer Montgomery. There will be an assembly on Friday where the teachers will be given gift cards. We may let the kids dress like a super hero on that day as well.
 - g. **Fire Safety Week October 10th-14th (Lauren & Marshall Andrews):** The date has been moved to October 17th. It will not be all week this year, instead there will just be an assembly on Monday. The firefighters should be able to come at 10:00 am. Kris Ewert will introduce the firefighters to the students for the assembly.

- h. Red Ribbon Week - October 25th-28th (Angela Waite): Monday is UEA so the activities will be from Tuesday to Friday. On Tuesday, Deputy Moulder will come to do the police dog demonstration. The tentative time is 10:00 am for the assembly. Wednesday will be wear red day. If everyone in the classroom wears red, the class will get an extra 5 minutes of recess. Thursday, the students will receive book marks. The extra pencils from last year will be given to the kindergarteners. Friday, the students will pledge to be drug free, and then they will let off their red balloons. Friday is only a half day so we will need the volunteers to come in the morning at 8:20 to help fill and tie the balloons. There will be 30 per class, put into bundles and then distributed to the teachers as the students go outside.
- i. Scarecrow Festival - October 22nd (Tina Walters): The scarecrow festival has moved from the 29th to the 22nd. The city has also changed the rules. Instead of having the scarecrows judged, it is a contest for the most food brought in for a food drive. The school with the most non-perishable food items, based on weight, will win the \$200. We will start the food drive tomorrow to try to give the students more time. The student council will make signs to put around the school. Hopefully, we can get each student to bring at least 2 cans of food, some peanut butter, or condiments. At least \$100 of the winnings will go to some type of art club for the school. The classes with the most donations will receive a free dress day (between K-3 and 4-6). A sign-up genius will go out to have some parents come and help bring the food from the school to the scarecrow festival. Tina will also contact Dwight Payne to see if he can be at the school the morning of the festival to open the doors to get the food.
- j. Book Fair - October 3rd-7th (Leann Bateman): The book fair went very well. The school sold about \$4,000.
- k. 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 National 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. Only 1 student entered the essay contest last year. James and Summer will try to come up with a topic for the essays to help make it a little easier for students to participate. They must be submitted by early November.
- l. Battle of the Books - January/February (Corissa Hanson): Battle of the books is this year's program to help encourage reading. The school will be divided up into groups: kindergarteners will be in their own group, 1st and 2nd grades will be together, 3rd and 4th grades will be together, and 5th and 6th grades will be together. Each group has their own book list consisting of 20 books. Each child who wishes to participate must have at least 5 of the books on their list read before February. Every student who participates will be given a lanyard. Every time they finish reading a book on their list they will receive a pin to go on their lanyard. Prizes will also be awarded to the students who read all 20 books and other prizes for those who read 10-15 of them on their list. The students can sign-up to participate and will be broken into groups of 4-6 students. The battles will begin at the end of February. Questions will be asked about the 20 books on the lists. All the answers will be the book title and the author. It is not a one loss elimination, but eventually there will be some teams eliminated. There will be 1 winner per 2 grade grouping. Sign-ups will begin soon for students who wish to participate, as well as parent volunteers to help the teams practice. The winning classes may even be given the opportunity to battle the teachers. The budget will be \$750. The kindergarten classes will not be participating in any battles, but they will be keeping track of their minutes spent reading. All the books on the lists are at our school's library. More information is on the way to send out to parents and students so they know the commitment it will take.

VII. **Adjournment:** Next meeting will be held on November 2nd at 9:30 am. Debi Morris motioned, Heather Thomas second.