



F O S Meeting Agenda

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FOS Board

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Minutes from last meeting**
 - Read + Approve
3. **Treasurer's Report**
4. **President's Report**
 - Monthly updates
 - Feedback from Mrs. Jean
 - Feedback from Dr. McManus
 - Outstanding Agenda Items
 - Items discussed with the alderman (during the summer)
 - Cleaning out rooms in basement for extra classroom space
 - Are SmartTVs installed?
 - IFly tickets
 - New Business
5. **Committee Reports**
 - **Trunk or Treat Parade**
 - Discuss location options and times.
 - Event items to be planned
 - Schedule of staggered start times by grade.
 - Balloon arch for photos
 - "Guess how many are in the jar" contest. Closest guess wins a prize?
 - Give out pre-stuffed treat bags.
 - Music playing + drone footage from above?
 - **STEM Strong Newsletter** (monthly – publish 1st one Nov 1)
 - *Regular Features*
 - "Getting to Know"

- The idea is to highlight STEM families, teachers and staff who have voluntarily filled out our questionnaire. It should be accompanied by a photo provided by the interviewees.
- Develop questionnaire
- FOS Challenge Corners
 - *STE"A"M Corner* -
 - Music: Pose a question for students to answer.
 - Who sang it better? Compare same song recorded by different artists.
 - What is the best song to listen to when you are doing PE at home?
 - Who is the most important musician in your life and why?
 - Literature: One book, One STEM community. What should we all read?
 - Why is this book important?
 - What did you learn by reading it?
 - Art: Maybe highlight a different artist every newsletter.
 - What is your favorite piece of public art in Chicago and why? Include photo.
 - Art is all around us!
 - Have you ever been surprised by discovering art in an unconventional or unusual place? Please share it with us!
 - *Impact Corner* -
 - Share your favorite quote.
 - Who is an important famous figure? Why?
 - Who do you look up to? Why?
 - *Club Corner* –
 - Book club – FOS/Club suggests a book to read and have a virtual discussion.
 - Movie club – FOS/Club suggests an age appropriate movie to watch and have a virtual discussion afterwards. Or watch it together as a “watch party”.
 - Cooking club – Club suggests a recipe for everyone to make and share results. FOS can also offer it as a cooking challenge (based on a cooking challenge like the show "Nailed It").
 - Creativity club - FOS would assemble kits of disparate items that kids would have to use to create something and then share results.
 - *Service Project Suggestion Corner* –
 - Hey STEM community! Have you ever looked at a park in your neighborhood and thought, “I wish there wasn’t so much garbage in that park”? Or have you seen a wall full of graffiti and thought, “I wish that would get painted”? FOS is looking for ways we can make our city

better. Suggest a service project idea you have and FOS will see if we can make it happen.

- **Virtual Game Friday Nights** (dates: one per month?)
 - FOS will host or arrange virtual games.
 - Ideas?
- **“Where Will the Journey Go?” Book Fair** (December? Publish right before winter break?)
 - Each class writes a book by having one student write a line, then another student reads what was written before and writes the next line. Where will the journey go?
 - FOS will virtually publish books for STEM community to read.
- **Film Festival** (promote before winter break? Collect content for release right before spring break?)
 - The idea is to have kids submit prerecorded content for the STEM community to watch from home.
 - Options for content could be:
 1. Kids can write + make short films.
 2. Kids can submit “talent show” type performance.
 3. FOS can pose a list of questions for kids to respond to, video recorded from home. Those videos would then be compiled by someone (as class projects maybe or, for younger kids, by volunteer adults). Some questions could be:
 - a. What is your favorite thing about e-learning?
 - b. What is your least favorite thing about it?
 - c. What is the favorite thing your teacher has done during e-learning?
 - d. What is something that you learned about yourself during Covid?
 - e. What is something new that you or your family have started doing during Covid?
 - f. What is the first thing you want to do when we can get back to "normal" after Covid?
 - g. What is the hardest part about Covid?
 - h. What is your favorite joke?
 - i. What does "Black Lives Matter" mean to you?
 - j. What have you learned about people because of the "Black Lives Matter" movement?
 - k. What would you like people to learn from it?
 - l. What do you think would decrease the violence in Chicago?
 - m. How would you address gun violence in Chicago?
 - n. What do you think about the riots and looting that happened in Chicago this summer?
 - o. What would you say to people who participated in them?
 - p. Why do you think they happened?
 - q. What makes a good leader?
 - r. Is there a leader that you look up to and admire? Why?
 - s. Is it important to vote? Why or why not?

6. **Marketing + Communications + Newsletter**
 - Update from Jessica on website updating.
 - Any suggestions for changes to the website?
7. **Teacher's Report**
8. **Student's Report**
9. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment**

"Getting to Know" Questions

(Don't forget to send a photo for us to include in the newsletter!)

STEM families (pick 3 or 4 to answer):

- 1 What is your favorite family vacation?
- 2 Who do you root for, Cubs or Sox?
- 3 What is your favorite family tradition?
- 4 Has anyone in your family ever met anyone famous?
- 5 Is there a song that could be a theme song for your family?
- 6 How many languages does your family speak?
- 7 What is the most interesting thing you can see from your home?
- 8 If someone featured your family in their own TV show, what would be the title?
- 9 What is the weirdest thing in your home?
- 10 If your pet could talk, what would he/she say? (Be sure and tell us what your pet is).

STEM Teachers/Staff (pick 3 or 4 to answer):

- 1 What is your proudest accomplishment?
- 2 What makes you laugh the most?
- 3 What would you sing at a karaoke night?
- 4 Which would you rather do: wash dishes, fold laundry, clean the bathroom, or vacuum your home?
- 5 Which subject homework did you do first: math, reading, writing, or science? Which was last?
- 6 What is the best gift you have ever been given?
- 7 What is your favorite zoo animal and why?
- 8 What is your favorite holiday?
- 9 What is one thing you would never do again?
- 10 Do you have a superpower and what is it? If you do not have one, what superpower would you like to have?
- 11 At which board game are you amazing?