



F O S Meeting Agenda

Date: 2020 10 08

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Jessica Engleking

1. Call to Order

- 6:10

2. Minutes from last meeting

- Read + Approve
 - Nicole approved meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Amber received approval that the Kinder Kickoff can be closed. We spent ~\$500 for the Kinder Kickoff.

4. President's Report

- Monthly updates
 - Feedback from Mrs. Jean
 - Nicole reached out to Mrs. Jean to discuss some of the FOS ideas presented at our last meeting. Mrs. Jean noted that STEM did a talent show a few years ago that went well, she suggested considering to do another talent show in some capacity.
 - Feedback from Dr. McManus
 - Nicole presented ideas to Dr. McManus. She stated that she would like to know if we could get staff to buy into the ideas, how often will the newsletter be distributed, are you aware that parental consent will be needed for ideas, how will student's safety be insured on zoom nights.
- 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.
 - We discussed having the event on Friday(30th) versus Saturday (31st)
 - Location options mentioned: Costco parking lot, street in front of STEM, or St. Ignatius parking lot
 - Nicole recommended beginning the event at 2pm, staggering start time by grades
 - Event items to be planned
 - Schedule of staggered start times by grade.
 - Nicole would like to have a balloon arch for photos of kids
 - Nicole recommended possible easy quick games “Guess how many are in the jar” contest for example. Jessica mentioned having one person being in charge of this contest.
 - Nicole recommended giving out pre-stuffed treat bags.
 - Nicole mentioned music playing + drone footage from above, and recommended reaching out to Mr. Wang to coordinate.
 - Nicole mentioned needing volunteers for 1-game, 2-entertaining kids while waiting, 3-stuffing candy bags, 4-balloon arch, 5-soundtrack for music or consider Tiger for DJ, 6-make Eventbrite event, 7-purchase candy or get donation
- **Indigenous Day Activity**
 - Amina mentioned a STEM activity challenge for Indigenous Day that includes making a shelter or fort inside your home. She mentioned beginning event on Indigenous day, and setting a two-week time frame for completion. Nicole mentioned putting activity on the site for an activity to complete/begin on Monday October 11, 2020. FOS will give 2 \$25 gift certificates for the best shelter.
 - *Nicole motioned to buy 2-\$25 certificates, Amber seconds the motion, entire board all in favor yes.*
- **STEM Strong Newsletter (monthly – publish 1st one Nov 1)**
 - Nicole presented the idea of a newsletter to go out each month. First newsletter to go out in November. Nicole provided detail about the ideas behind the STEM newsletter. Nicole discussed using the newsletter versus putting all the information on the FOS website due to the need for significant changes to the FOS website. The initial newsletter will include the FOS families in the “getting to know section”
 - *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.
 1. Nicole Mentioned doing one game night per week. Amber recommended starting it after the 1st of the year.
 - Ideas?
- **“Where Will the Journey Go?” Book Fair** (December? Publish right before winter break?) Nicole mentioned classrooms connecting to make their own book.

- 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?) Nicole mentioned getting to going before winter break, so the kids can start working on it during their break.
 - The idea is to have kids submit prerecorded content for the STEM community to watch from home. Nicole reiterated the above to clarify the idea behind the Film Festival.
 - 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.
 - **Jessica discussed the changes she made to the website today including text changes as well as adding more content to the navigation. She archived the minutes, and has added a new section for the 2020-2021**

minutes/agenda. Jess proposed moving the FOS site to Square Space due to ease of site use for all.

- *Nicole makes a motion to move to FOS site to square space for \$216 for the year, Jenny motioned second, all in favor.*
- Any suggestions for changes to the website?

7. **Teacher's Report**

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8. **Student's Report**

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9. **Announcements**

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9. **Adjournment**

- a. 7:16pm

TO Do LIST:

- **Post Indigenous People Day** activity on social media and FOS website
 - Buy gift certificates for event prizes
- **Trick or Treat Event-** 0. Identify event location, 1. Post on social media, 2. Make schedule for event with staggered times for each class, 3. Post Eventbrite event, 4. Get volunteers for games, entertaining kids while waiting, keeping kids spaced, 5. Identify games 6. Buy candy, candy bags, stuff candy bags, 7. make balloon arch, 8. make soundtrack for music or consider Tiger for DJ
- **Begin Newsletter**
- **Jess/Jenny chat** about new Wordpress site re: inserting agenda and minutes
- Begin newsletter content

"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?