

ans of the Everglades Restoration Magnet Inc.
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FERM Meeting Minutes.
October 23, 2024

Meeting held at SPHS Media Center

Attendance: Allison Gold, Jennifer Falcher, Pam Johnstone, Martha Villegas, Alina Borrero, Joy Huppert, Brinden Simon, Biny Simon, Oscar Rodriguez, Michelle Axelson, Kara Oakley, Alyce Culpepper, Nereida Miller, Heather Vallee, Maggie Several, Maureen Manfredi, Alesse Herbert, Matthew Zealy, Mr. Forbes, Ms. Collins, Amanda Castilla

Meeting called to order: 6:10pm

Zealy and Alesse- Welcome attendees

Allison Gold approved September meeting minutes Michelle Axelson 2nd

Introduced Ms. Collins: School board policy has changed and will no longer allow SGA to purchase helium tanks from internal funds. Requested that FERM purchase the tank and SGA will reimburse by purchasing supplies for FERM.

Heather Vallee made motion to fund the purchase of 2 tanks. Amanda Castillo 2nd. All in favor. None opposed.

Introduced ER (Everglades Restoration) Ambassadors Club - Charlotte Rowe (President) Valentina (VP) : Flagship club of the magnet program; dedicated to protecting the environment; educate youth and adults about the Everglades; Reach out to public through events; directly help the environment through cleanup; Helps at Elem schools, community events, local parks, school campus, S Florida coast; interactive modules with elem students; school beautification; received 3 grants. Meetings are Wednesdays. Committee meeting on Mondays. Committee: Clean up, garden, school). Requested parents to help with the gardening after school. Envirothon: last year came first place in Broward on the regional level. @erambassadors (Instagram). November 2 8am-12pm Beach Clean Up at Von D Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park. Parents and non-club members are welcome to attend and help.

Mr. Forbes (VP) - Asked if anyone has any questions.

Q- any updates on new principal. A - Community meeting happened on Monday, Oct. 21. Ms. Miller attended the community meeting.

Mr. Miller shared what she learned at the meeting. Position will advertise position for 1 week. 3 candidates will be selected. Then Stake Holders panel review. (8 community members / 7 school based members). The a date will be selected and the candidates will have a 30 minute interview in front of the Stake Holder Panel. Panel members will write down their opinions. Then narrowed down to 2 candidates. Goes to superintend for final decision at school board meeting Nov 13.

Michelle (Treasure's report) -

Checking: \$17,525.2

Savings: \$17,061.40

\$8,000 was given to FERM in August by school which previously belonged to the PTO. Since the PTO has not been in existence for several years, the school gave the money to FERM to hold. PTO is now back at SPHS so we will be transferring the \$8,000 back to PTO.

Alese: purchased shelving units to organize FERM closet

Alison: Fall festival new date: February 8 10:00-\$2:00
New name: Paladin Love Live? Open to other name suggestions.
Internal clubs will be allowed to participate at no charge
Informational community organizations - \$0
Outside vendors will pay a \$50 fee
Food Trucks
Charge for animal petting / feeding
Raffle baskets - community outreach
Committees: Entertainment, School Outreach, Logistics, Retail Vendors, Food Truck Vendors
Location: in back loop by Magnet Amp vs. Front of School

Questions: How much is vendor fee: \$50
Who is the audience: Community
Will schedule a special meeting for festival fee

Heather - Volunteer Opportunities (field trip chaperones) detailed by Zealy:

Oct 28 - Oct 29 (10th) -- Planting tree on campus (Volunteers welcome)

Nov 13 and 14 - (9th) YEA Gardenolgy

Nov 15 and 22 (12th) YEA Food Forrest

Nov 19, 20, 21 - (10th) Hugh Taylor Birch Park "Coastal Engagement"

Dec 3, 4, 5, 6 (9th) Everglades Slogging Trip

Zealy— Horticulture, Animal Science, Botany — not considered a science by Florida DOE. Now considered an elective.

Forbes — will be doing research to determine what new science classes the school can offer, taking into consideration the students interest, teachers interest, etc.

DUCKS certification: science classes. Test is written at a lower level. All multiple choice questions. It's anticipated that the magnet kids will do very well. Test is being offered to all Freshman (magnet and non-magnet students)

Next Meeting: TBA (possibly at Pepe Pizza)

December 11 (Lime)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm