Work Session

Monday, October 5, 2026 5:30 PM
Faribault Public Schools District Office, 710 17th Street SW, Faribault, MN 55021

I. **Call to Order**	
I.A. Determination of a Quorum Present	
I.B. Pledge of Allegiance	
II. **Informational Items**	
II.A. Update on Academic Honors Recognition for Graduating Seniors - ***REPORT***	**Presenter:** Jamie Bente, Superintendent
II.B. Faribault Middle School Facility Dog - ***PRESENTATION***	**Presenter:** Dr. Stacy Fox, Principal
III. **Adjourn**	



WE ARE FARIBAULT

Facility dog at FMS

Support, culture, and skills all with a furry friend

Presented by Stacy Fox



Value of a facility dog



1. Supporting students
2. Culture
3. Attendance
4. Social and life skills

Is this just you bringing your dog to school? No!



1. Belongs to FPS, not me
2. Member of the staff who works when I'm not here
3. Primary and secondary handlers

Training

For the dog

- AKC S.T.A.R. puppy training
- Good Citizen training
- Therapy Dog training

For the humans

- Certified Animal-Assisted Intervention Specialist (C-AAIS) credential
- Professional Team certification

Costs



Adoption	$600-800
Training (dog and humans)	$500-600
Vet	$250
Liability insurance	$300
Food	$500

Staff Feedback

SURVEY SAMPLE	RESPONSE RATE	KEY OUTCOME
87 Staff Briefed	55% (48 Responses)	92% Staff Support

77% Emotional Regulation

Believe dog will reduce stress and help students self-regulate.

69% Climate & Crisis

Anticipate boosted morale and de-escalation in crises.

"Seeing our school dog SOARing? Who wouldn't want to follow his/her lead?!"

— FMS Staff Member (PBIS Alignment)

Proactive Safeguards (73% Staff Request)

Designated Dog-Free Zones: Protect students/staff with allergies or fears.
Opt-Out Forms: Clear parental/staff communication prior to rollout.
Strict Hygiene Standards: Grooming guidelines and certified handler rules.

"[A dog could] demonstrate empathy toward another living creature... and helps build relational capacity."

— FMS Staff Member (Social Skill Development)

Thank you