

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



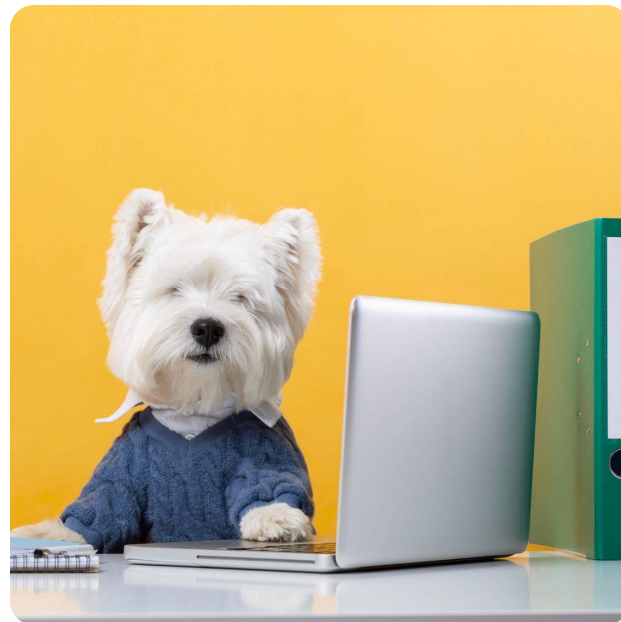
WE ARE FARIBAULT



Facility dog at FMS

Support, culture, and skills all with a
furry friend

Presented by Stacy Fox



Value of a facility dog



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Supporting students

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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
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Training (dog and humans)	\$500-600
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Vet	\$250
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Liability insurance	\$300
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Food	\$500
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Staff Feedback

SURVEY SAMPLE 87 Staff Briefed

RESPONSE RATE 55% (48 Responses)

KEY OUTCOME 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.

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.

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

— FMS Staff Member (PBIS Alignment)

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

— FMS Staff Member (Social Skill Development)



Thank you