



Franklin Meeting Agenda December 3rdth, 2015

11:40 Call to order

11:40 Approval of Minutes/ Membership Info:

A handout of the minutes from the October meeting was provided.

Jim Griesenhauer and Julie Zambuto approved the minutes

11:45 - Treasurer's Report :

Carolyn Kosiorek was not at the meeting, however a copy of the Treasurer's report was provided and reviewed by Jeannette.

Mark Dupke added that the Coupon book sale is going well. We will be earning about \$1350 for Franklin from the sale.

11:50 - Teacher Spotlights: Barb Glass, Karin Mustari, Allison Benedetti, Kat Walsh, Shirlee Pater, Natalie Schuetz, Nancy Sweeney, Pat Brennan, Julie Vukmarkaj

Shirlee Pater (Channels of Challenge) – kids are choosing their own novels to read at their appropriate levels.

Math – 3rd grade are working on fractions

4th and 5th grade are working on rational and irrational numbers

Brennan, Sweeny, Vukmarkaj, Schuetz – thanked PTA for the Flipsnack, an online publishing sight.

2nd grade is taking MAP testing this week. – this will allow them to have a baseline for next year and give them practice on how to take standardized tests – Monday and Tuesday 12/7 and 12/8

Sandy Marks – English Learning (EL) – there is a new student from Japan who speaks no English who is starting as a new student this week. Gabby Daniello is liason to these new families. She is trying to create a database of kids and parents to link the families with like language. District language report: of 495 students at Franklin, 158 students speak another language at home. 25 languages different languages are spoken at Franklin. We have 44 students receiving E.L. services. We are second to Field School.

Barb Glass – Social Work K-5 – We have around 50 new students this year. They introduced two new programs: Zones of Regulations: matching colors with emotions. Blue is sad, Green is ready to learn, Red is mad, angry, terrified or upset. Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings is the opening book to the series. They meet every other week to talk about how to incorporate this into the curriculum.

Mrs. Kennedy – 4th grade – Elis Island is coming up on January 14th. The end of unit activity is to dress up like an immigrant and come through Ellis Island (in the gym). Kids are using chrome book every day. They are getting better at keeping them charged and being prepared. They use Google docs quite a bit. They will be introducing coding. They are also teaching about digital citizenship, cyber bullying, not being on the chrome book when they are not supposed to be. Thanks to PTA for books on Ellis Island they bought with grant money

The Literacy Team - They use testing data to see if kids are struggling in literacy. They used their allocations to purchase games and materials to help with literacy.

Winterfest:

- Chairs are Susan Olsen and Christine Heotis
- Scheduled for Feb 20th from 11-2
- Lena Melissis is taking over baskets auction this year. 20 items have come in so far. We can post letter /form on website for anyone who wants to donate.
- They are doing the same games as last year – but no nail painting station. They are adding a duck game back in – the kids want games that they can win little prizes.
- Volunteer sign up is on MySchoolAnywhere.com.
- People can use credit card/PayPal to pay for baskets.
- Admission is \$7 per person – only kids are charged, not the parents.

Square 1 Art Fundraiser:

- Julie Zambuto is Chair
- The orders are complete. We had \$8500-\$9000 gross sales.
- We get 35% of sales. We'll should have \$2500-\$3000 in donations.

Anti bully week:

- It was last week and Bernadette Noone organized it.
- She purchased books for every classroom about bullying, announcements were made every morning, and a theater group came to put on a performance : Ease The Tease- how to diffuse bullying situations.

Spirit Wear:

- we will only sell it once or twice a year.
- Tina Piraino organizes this.

Book Club:

- They have leaders for every grade except 3rd grade.
- Registration will open next week.
- It is \$30 per child which is used to purchase 2 books and materials for activities.
- It is held at lunch and the group is limited to 8 students.

Social Events Committee: Heather Z, Ann Zartman

- Peanuts movie morning at Pickwick was well attended. We are hoping to do a second one. The Pickwick charges us \$7.50 and we charge \$10.
- We would like to add a social for the kids. It would be just snacks and a DJ . This will be a community building night, not a fundraiser.
- We would like to have another adult social and are looking into an event at Pinstripes.

Class Parties:

- Each grade level will choose their own times based on when specials are and what their schedules are. Not all at the same time.

Holiday Sing:

- We need parents to help supervise the Holiday Sing while they eat in their classrooms. We will need extra help because it is also a hot lunch day. Perhaps open more spots on My School Anywhere.
- Remember that Wednesday is early lunch!!
- Have to see how to manage the hot lunch flow that day.

Upcoming Cultural Arts Program:

- Motivational speaker comes and does a BMX bike show on December 18th

Family Fun Night:

- We hired the same DJ
- The haunted hallway was new this year
- Taping Mr. Walsh to the wall was a big hit
- The classrooms were back to normal afterwards – no problems or messes like last year. Thanks from Ms. Brennan.

Holiday Drive:

- PTA would like to hold a Holiday Drive at School for Franklin families in need.
- Perhaps we could do a drive, but not advertise the names of the kids who are in need.

Service Learning:

- Last year they kids made lunch and served lunch to Ronald McDonald House families. Is there something for this year that we could do or continue this same thing from last year?
- Perhaps Donna Kotty was interested in running this committee? Jeannette will check with her.
- Please provide opportunity suggestions.

Science Olympiad:

- We need a Franklin Egg Drop Chair. It has become rather turn key.
- Sending out informational letters for Egg Drop to the schools that are doing Egg Drop throughout the district.

Chairs Needed:

- Diversity Week Chair needed
- ELF committee Franklin Chair needed
- Random Acts of Kindness Tree Chair – kids write notes on hearts to hang a tree if they see someone doing something nice.

Franklin Spelling Bee is coming up January 12th. – Mrs. Pater

12:30 Principal's Report/ ELF updates: Mr. Dan Walsh

He will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday nights once a month from 7-8 pm called "Myth Busters" – come in and talk to Mr. Walsh about ideas you have, things you are wondering about at the school, etc.

MAP testing is the most normed and reliable testing we have at this point. Our goals are based on this. It has replaced the ISAT. There are 2 assessments that are about 1 hour each – Math and Reading.

We are able to offer Title 1 program for Math tutoring. This is offered as a before and after school program based on MAP scores.

Second Step - Social Work (Swanson) – Teaching how to read social cues and how to incorporate into the classroom.

12:45 pm Motion to adjourn – Amy Dooley and Mark Dupke. Next meeting is January 14th and 7 pm

Present at the meeting where:

Julie Zambuto, Ronda Pissios, Laura Morriss, Dawn Parikh, Vickie Nelson, Dan Walsh, Mark Dupke, Amy Doley, Patty Brennan, Natalie Schuetz, Julie Vukmarkaj, Shirlee Pater, Sandi Marks, Barb Glass, Karin Mustari, Allison Benedetti, Kat Walsh, Brenda Kennedy, Susan Olsen, Christine Heotis, Cathie Hirsh, Jeannette Korovilas, Jim Griesenhauer