

Franklin Meeting Minutes December 4, 2014

7:00 pm Call to order

7:05 pm Approval of Minutes and Membership Report: Tina Piraino- Approved Monica and Carolyn

7:10 Treasurer's Report : Carolyn Kosiorek- Family Fun night almost \$1400 over budget, Successful Yankee candle wrap, Pizza day doing really well.

7:30 pm Teacher Spotlights

- Alex Rubenstien, Mary Lally, Meryl Fulara, and Laura Mabrito- 1 st grade teachers;
- Alex- working with the McGraw Hill math program, going smoothly, work hard on subtraction and addition: graphing, working an hour of Code; computer programing, teaches problem solving
- Meryl- In January; participating in curriculum, bring programing into the classroom. Holidays around the world, geography, country visits
- Mary- writing; nonfiction book report about the first thanksgiving, symbols reports, and story writing.
- Laura Mabrito- working on dinosaur unit; fossils, types of dinosaurs, eras, other animals that lived at the same time.

7:20 pm Principal's Report/ ELF updates:

- Mr. Dan Walsh-treats from the hospitality committee were fantastic for conferences. Thanks to parents who volunteer for gymnastics committee. We kicked off the Franklin ROCKS poster and the Mason Jar program. Grand prize TBD.
- Elf Casino Night is Jan. 24.- We gave \$500 to Elf

7:40 pm New Business

- Teacher Grants-\$500 to Elf, eBooks for Library \$499 + \$499 from LRC budget plus \$1000 matching from company (\$2K) Flip snack for all 2nd grade classes \$432 for additional subscriptions and 9 Ukuleles \$495 for additional Subscriptions
- Two new requests- take home version of Math club; games that can take home -\$500
- Mrs. Kennedy- classroom books- journey to Elis Island- 25 books- \$148
- Lady Liberty presentation for 4th grade- free- gives them a snack bag.
- Book Club- recruiting volunteer leaders before thanksgiving. Opening it up to KG, Opened registration almost filled. Only 4-5 for 2nd and 1st grade. Working on the logistics of kindergarten, fiction novels. Haven't finalized the book selections. We'll finalize once the boy/girl combo is determined. Leaders meeting on Tuesday, January 6th. First class will be Friday, January 16th. Will finish before spring break.
- Anti-bully week- timing bad, assembly not perfect for older grades. Good for younger kids; need a Chairperson: to address Cyberbully with older grades and teacher committee members- need someone for a yearlong program.
- Tax Returns- filed extension- Donna Kotty

Walking Club- starting after January; on Fridays- walking before school, still working out logistics, earn a foot charm for the kids' necklace.

Walkathon- start planning- in April; Lisa Bascomb, Debbie Zeeman

Winterfest- Chairs Susan Olsen, Christina Heotis, Committee; Debbie Zeeman, Linda Peterson, Julie Wissman, Andrea Cline, January 31, distributed the basket list for 2015. New Idea-classroom project created, like a quilt then auctioned off.

Spirit Wear- new merchandise, new vendor- using Summit Specialties, need a chairperson

Holiday Sing/ Class Parties- lunch supervision, donate peanut allergy list- clean all desks after lunch

Wolves Game- Feb. 22 game, 3 pm \$17.50/ticket order by Feb. 9- flyer out soon only on Rev Track.

Indoor Recess- ideas for indoor recess material, toy/game drive- donate games

Adult Social- to plan another one in the spring; possible Pinstripes?

Sustainability- Committee Member

Hot Lunch – putting together survey to determine best items. Possibly adding another day; Checking on email blasts.

Girls on the Run- coming soon with Ms. Sutter, Ms. Sweeney,

Community Stars Lifetime Achievement Awards- Taking nominees for teachers, Mrs. Boss, Tina Piraino writing letter for Mrs. Boss' nomination.

Lady Liberty Presentation

Science Olympiad- Feb. 7 George Korovilas- Egg drop

8:00 pm Committee Reports

- **Yankee Candles** (Jackie Balduf/ Julie Zambuto)- Made \$1502,

-**Charleston Wrap** (Bindu Pithadia/ Gabi Dinello)- \$1700

-**Cultural Arts** (Janine Paprocki)- Jessie White Tumblers December 19th 2:15, Thursday, Feb. 12
Justin and Liam (grammy-nominated songwriters) 9:00- K-2 “Small Parts” 10:00 – 3-5 “You Write the Songs”

-**Family Fun Night** (Nicole Nieves) need signage

-**Hospitality** (Michelle Rentas, Chris Georgiopoulos, Julie Zambuto)

8:15 Motion to Adjourn *next meeting Jan 15th*

Respectfully Submitted:

Tina M. Piraino