



AGENDA

Franklin Elementary School PTA Meeting

Date | time 12/7/2017 7:00 PM

Board Members

Dr. Claire Kowalczyk, Principal | Ms. Emily Lech, Assistant Principal

Maureen Hartwig & Aimee Kish, Co-Presidents | Cathie Hirsh & Nicole Nieves, Co-Vice Presidents | Megan Fleischel & Erin Gilfert, Co-Corresponding Secretaries | Donna Kotty, Treasurer | Courtney Bowles & Regina Roderick, Co-Recording Secretaries

Time	Item	Owner
7:00 pm	Call to Order Welcome - Aimee at 7:04pm	Aimee Kish
7:05 pm	Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve: Niocle Nieves, 2 nd : Cathie Hirsch	Courtney Bowles
7:05pm	PTA Board Updates - 3 new memberships since last meeting. All board members introduced themselves.	PTA Board Members
7:10 pm	Treasurer’s Update – The Wonder fundraiser was a huge success. 99 people attended and a donation was made to the charity Faces. 12 teachers have submitted their requests. There is a \$132 variance with Parents Night Out, Donna is working on solving this issue. Classroom parties expenses are up to date. Square 1 art was a \$2600 profit, a discussion ensued whether we should do it every year instead of every other year. There was a question from audience re: square 1 art, how it works. Students don’t draw their own idea, its part of the curriculum. Nicole answered curriculum questions. Art teacher picks one project per grade.	Donna Kotty
7:25 pm	Principal’s report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP testing will be Mon and Tuesday of next week for grades 2 -5. AIMS web testing will be on Thurs and Friday for K and 1st. These assessments are our winter benchmarks and help us determine groupings of students based on instructional needs. • We have 3 new 1st graders and 2 new 3rd graders that started at the end of November. We also just received a phone call about a new 1st and 4th grader that just moved into the district and may be coming to FR. Our Nov enrollment was 544 students. • Franklin School got a 3D printer- Mr. Villareal, ITC, working with 5th grade in Ms. Dinverno’s room. Created own animal for writing unit. Younger grades will probably do more class project. • Coding Club will be starting in Jan for 4th and 5th grade students during lunch on Tuesday. • Bloxles Club will start in Feb. for 4th and 5th grade students after school twice a week for 5 weeks. • We also have our tournament of readers going on. We are down to our final 8 teams. Top two teams will move forward and compete against Franklin teachers at a school assembly for our 3rd, 4th and 5th. • Author, Andrew Clements will be visit in Feb. He wrote “No Talking” “Frindle” • Holiday Sing is Thurs. Dec. 21st. AM KDG 1 - 5 will be in the morning in our 	Dr. Claire Kowalczyk

gym. Guests will enter and exit through the circle drive doors. KDG PM will be in the afternoon in the auditorium. Parents will enter and exit through door #10. There will be no access to the rest of the school for our guests.

- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms that day. There will be hot lunch available to order online that day but it will be a box lunch.
- Please consider joining the Superintendent 2017-18 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Focus Group a one-year Focus Group of parents/guardians and community members to explore a single topic -- social emotional learning, or SEL -- in depth. SEL affects every child in grades K-8 and is of special interest as we introduce a new curriculum, called Second Step, throughout D64 this year.

The group will meet a minimum of three times, with the kick off meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Other meetings currently planned are Wednesday, March 14 and Monday, April 30.

Applications of interest for selection to the Superintendent 2017-18 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Focus Group should be submitted on or before Friday, December 22, 2017.

- Pre-reg for kindergarten, preschool, new opens Feb1; Kindergarten round-up will be April 19th 5:30-6:30 turn in registration materials, 6:00-7:00 p.m. tour school, presentation, see classrooms.
- Registration for returning opens April 23
- Winter Break starts Dec. Mon Dec. 25th. We return to school on Monday, Jan. 8th.

Andrea Hetzke gave an update that she will be starting a build your own video game, you buy the app at target, design characters, board, ect. Starting after school in February, for 4th and 5th graders, T and TH until 4:15.

7:50pm

Committee Appreciation – THANK YOUs!

Cathie Hirsh and
Nicole Nieves

- A. Square Art | **Joanne Palomeno** –Thank you! We raised \$2600
- B. Red Ribbon Week/Anti-Bully Week | **Jeanette Korovilas & Bernadette Noone** - This was the first time these weeks were combined. It flowed well, there was good feedback re: combining.
- C. Trunk-Or-Treat | **Amy Indriolo** -20-25 cars signed up, thousands of pieces of candy were donated, some people wanted it earlier in the day with a costume contest, but overall there was good feedback.
- D. Box Tops | **Dyana Barnas** has a sea of box tops to sort, lots of donations. Winner announced this week. Dec and Jan will be together. 18 classrooms participated out of 24 classrooms. We don't collect can tabs. Box tops expire.
- E. 3rd – 5th Grade Social | **Alexandria Hayden** - The event went well, good turn out.
- F. Service Learning Fundraiser – Wonder | **Donna Kotty** – **went very well, a great turn out.**

8:00 pm

Committee Updates – Upcoming Events

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Nicole Nieves

- A. Kids Book Club | **Courtney Bowles** – Kids book club will run Fridays from 1/12-3/16 during lunch hour. We have parent volunteers for each grade and sign ups are going on now at My School Anywhere.
- B. Franklin Fit 1/17 | **Liz Kelly** – 6:30 – 8:30 in the gym, open basketball and gym night. All are welcome, parents must accompany their child.
- C. ELF Casino night 1/27 | **Kim Urso**- This is ELF's annual fundraiser. We need more ELF volunteers, ELF stands for the elementary learning foundation and does

fundraisers to give grants back to schools. Join Kim at next week's meeting, 7:30 at Roosevelt to find out more.

- D. Sweetheart Dance 2/2 | **Pete Vercillan** - 2/2, tickets \$20 per couple, additional child \$5, DJ, photo booth and snacks. Tickets will go on sale in January.
- E. Internation Week 2/8|**Alla Bagryanskaya** - Alla and Lorena are chairing the event. This is a new event, so no blueprint, the event can be whatever we want it to be. International food, performances, ect. Cooperation from the teachers might eb good, maybe use greenscreen this year, worked well from last year, kids dress in traditional dress at school one of the days.
- F. **Volleyball** - Alexandra heading up volleyball, for 4th and 5th graders, They will compete against other schools in D64, this might be co-ed, need to see how many kids sign up. Sign ups will be next week.Vicki wants to know how coaches will get educated on how to coach. There will be further communication regarding training.
- G. **Science Olympiad** – Vickie Berge gave an update, she is looking for someone to shadow her next year, as that will be her last year at Franklin.
- H. **Additional Updates/Questions:** Spelling bee is in January is also 3-5th. Ours in the 16th, district is Jan 29th. Question about young authors,when is it? It comes later in the year, Schuetz is in charge of it, it will be in Feb. Question re: kindness week, Why don't do national kindness week ? Because we do kindness walk in Sept.

8:22 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Nicole Nieves motioned and Alla Bagryanskaya seconded the motion

Aimee Kish

FYI

Upcoming Events!

- Holiday Sing 12/22, Franklin Fit 1/17, ELF Casino Night 1/27, Sweetheart Dance 2/2, International Night 2/8 Next PTA meeting 1/18

In Attendance: Aimee Kish, Megan Fleischel, Erin Gilfert, Courtney Bowles, Nicole Nieves, Cathie Hirsch, Donna Kotty, Carrie Stern, Andrea Hetzke, Claie Kowalczyk, Laura Morriss, Alla Bagryanskaya, Vicki Berge, Pheap Chhorm, Regina Roderick