



AGENDA

Franklin Elementary School PTA Meeting

Date | time 9/14/2017 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

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7:00 pm	Call to Order Welcome - Maureen 7:02pm	Maureen Hartwig and Aimee Kish
7:05 pm	Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – not needed for first meeting of the year	Courtney Bowles
7:05 pm	PTA Board Member Introductions - Maureen Hartig and Aimee Kish are co-presidents, Cathie Hirsch and Nicole Nieves are co-vie-presidents, Donna Kotty os the treasurer, Courtney Bowles and Regina Roderick, Co-Recording Secretaries, Megan Fleischel & Erin Gilfert, Co-Corresponding Secretaries	PTA Board Members
7:10pm	District 64 Update and Q&A Dr. Heinz welcomes calls with her secretary. This is her 4 th year as superintendent. There was a lot of construction this summer. Lincoln recieved new windows and a lot of refurbishment. New vestibule and front entrance way as well and new LRC with flexible learning space. Next summer will focus on Roosevelt. Jefferson and Emerson will be resurfaced as well. There is a Committee of the Whole meeting with the School Board coming up on Monday. Board meetings happen one to two times per month. We are welcome to join. NIPSTA is a consulting company the district is using to plan to ensure safety for all schools. We will focus on entrance and exit plans specifically. They suggest we practice evacuation drills as well as others. Each school has an evacuation place the students and staff can walk to. Franklin’s is the Presbyterian church on Northwest Highway. Technology continues to grow as well. ELA curriculum is under changes, piloting new programs. New ELA program will roll out K-8 next year. Teachers are currently writing common formative assessments. Hot lunch program launched last week. New Vendor, Quest is being used. There was construction over the summer for all schools to make sure they have appropriate kitchen space. If there are issues or concerns regarding schools or the district, please bring to the attention of administration, not social media. 2nd annual report and e-financials are coming out soon. Mike Cremins asked a question about SRO’s (Student Resource Officers) at Emerson. These are school resource officers at the middle schools and are going well so far. Their role is not discipline, it is safety and resources. Police (not SRO’s) are sometimes called to school, for example last year a soft bullet weapon was present at Emerson. Police are also called for drugs at schools as well. The SRO role is different. Their roles are specifically stated and they will be in the schools 8-10 hours/week. They only intervene when asked by administration. They will help with various school programs as well, such as red-ribbon week, anti-bully, ect. Dr Heinz fielded questions regarding this process from the audience. The October 10 th board meeting may have the final update regarding SROs.	Dr. Heinz, D64 Superintendent

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7:30 pm	<p data-bbox="297 174 513 203">PTA Board Updates</p> <ul data-bbox="345 222 1284 764" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="345 222 1284 321">• PTA 2017-18 Year (Maureen/Aimee) – Kicking off big fundraiser soon, The Kindness Walk. It will be the same format. This year the board has an exciting mix of new and old members. <li data-bbox="345 327 1284 459">• Membership (Courtney/Regina) – About 260 family memberships and over 30 faculty memberships to date. Please sign up if you haven't on my school, anywhere, and let us know if you've been overcharged. Perks of joining PTA are being able to vote at meetings, getting newsletter, member directory, ect. <li data-bbox="345 466 1284 661">• Volunteer Sign-Up (Cathie/Nicole) – Sign up sheets for committees on the back table, or sign up on My School Anywhere. PTA runs over 40 programs/events each year for the school. Lots of things you don't realize we run, like book club, assemblies, ect. Please sign up if you have time or email Cathie or Nicole with questions. Volunteering is a great way to meet new parents and enhance your kid's experience. <li data-bbox="345 667 1284 764">• Newsletter and Facebook (Erin/Megan) Newsletter goes out every week. Please email info@franklinPTA.com to get information in the newsletter. If you're not getting the newsletter, please let us know. 	PTA Board Members
7:40 pm	<p data-bbox="297 800 513 829">Treasurer's Update</p> <ul data-bbox="345 848 1284 1352" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="345 848 1284 1077">• Report - This is what we have expensed and received as of Sept. Some of the income doesn't reflect expenses yet, so it will be updated. We had to pay outstanding checks from previous years as well. Scholastic Book Fair was brought up to date. Reimbursement forms are on the website. The expectation is that the reimbursement form would be submitted within 14 days of the event. Donna hopes to have a one week turn around for reimbursements. You need to submit receipts. <li data-bbox="345 1083 1284 1352">• Vote on Proposed 2017 – 2018 Budget – We will be voting on the budget. There were some changes to the budget. For example, we were able to get author visits for free last year and hope to do that again since we made such a huge contribution to the library, therefore the budget for author visits was reduced from last year. Our big fundraiser for the year is walkathon and we are hoping to meet our goal. Square Art is coming back as a fundraiser as well, and that will be in conjunction with Mrs. Hurley to create gifts of students art at the holidays. 	Donna Kotty
7:50 pm	<p data-bbox="297 1388 513 1417">Principal's Report –</p> <p data-bbox="297 1436 1284 1493">The school year is off to a great start! At last count we are at 540 students (103 KDG students!) This is the highest enrollment in the history of Franklin.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1512 1284 1568">Thank you, PTA for the wonderful lunch for our staff to kick off the new school year. The staff really appreciated it.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1587 1284 1755">I also want to thank the PTA for their generous contribution last year that made this wonderful new 21st century space possible. The students are loving this new space. We debuted our very first broadcast of Morning Announcements this past Monday. We have a new "green screen" studio in the room of the LRC and we used this room to make our videos.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1774 1284 1938">As Dr. Heinz mentioned, we did reduce the number of entrances that we have our students enter the building in the morning. Last year we had 5 entrances that children came into the building. One was in the front of the school which caused a problem for parents that needed to drop off a KDG student and an older siblings in back. This also allowed for more open entrances for an intruder to enter the building. We have now</p>	Dr. Claire Kowalczyk

reduced the number of entrances to 3 which allows all students to enter from our playground. We can also have more adult staff stationed at these entrances to monitor for student safety. School starts promptly at 8:50 a.m. Students are expected to be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8:50 a.m. We added an additional bell at 8:40 a.m. to serve as a "warning bell" to alert students to come and line up at their door. At 8:42 a.m. we let students enter the building (instead of 8:45 a.m. as in past years) to allow them time to walk to their lockers, put things away, and be in their classrooms by 8:50 a.m.

We already had our first school wide celebration of following our Franklin Falcon Expectations on Aug. 30th with the Maine East Marching Band.

This month, our school wide celebration is our 1st - 5th grade students will be going to Maine East High School on Sept. 28th to see the play of Peter Pan.

Our October celebration will be our Halloween Parties and parade.

On our very first day of school the whole school participated in our Station Rotation to review our Franklin Falcon Expectations. We have purchased several large signs that we have hung around the school to remind students of expected behaviors in various parts of the school.

Our Franklin Falcon t-shirts should be delivered to students next week! Each grade level has a unique color. We ask that students wear their shirts on School Wide Celebration Days or Field Trips. They serve as a great way for us to identify our students when we have them out in public.

We completed "Safety Week" the week of Sept. 5-8th. Students participated in fire drills, lockdown drills, tornado drills and bus evacuation drills. We will still need to complete 2 more fire drills to comply with Illinois law.

We have also completed our fall benchmark assessments and have used this data to form instructional groups and plan instruction.

Last year we Our Quality Improvement Team Goal last year was focused on Math MAP growth. I am happy to report that Franklin Elementary School had the highest percentage of growth compared to other schools in the district. This means that more Franklin students met their growth targets on the MAP assessment than students in the other elementary schools in the district. Percentile rank for growth in the District was 58% in Reading and Franklin scored 65%. In Math the district was 59% and Franklin scored a 70%. (77% met their growth target in Math and 71% met their target in Reading).

Our focus this year continues to be on our MAP student growth achievement.

Today was Picture Day! If your child missed the day and/or if you do not like your child's picture when it is delivered our Picture Re-Take day is Tuesday, Oct. 17th.

There is no school on Monday, Oct. 9th. in honor of Columbus Day.

Our 5th graders will be going to Camp Duncan on Thurs. Oct. 26th and returning on Friday, Oct. 27th.

Our Halloween parties will be Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Classroom parties will be from 2:00-3:00. There will be an All School Parade at 3:00 - Weather Permitting. If weather does not permit a parade, we will cancel the parade and just have the parties.

HALLOWEEN AT FRANKLIN:

Franklin students will have a HALLOWEEN PARADE (weather permitting) and parties on Mon. Oct. 31st. The ALL SCHOOL parade will take place outside at 3:10 p.m. Children will change into their costumes at 2:00 and then we will start our classroom

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	<p>parties. Kindergarten students can wear their costumes to school. Children will Classroom parties will be held from 2:10/2:15-3:00. Our parade route will have students exiting the building through the circle driveway doors (Door 3), walking the perimeter of the school across the playground and entering the school at Door 9 (3rd door). Our AM KDG students will follow the same route. They will parade at 8:55 a.m. Parents and families are welcome to stand outside on the blacktop and watch the parade. IF IT IS RAINING HEAVILY the parade will be cancelled. The parties will still take place. STRICT costume guidelines: NO weapons with costumes and no masks or hoods covering faces. Children will change into their costumes BEFORE the classroom parties. Students do not wear costumes or face makeup to school (EXCEPT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS). AM KDG students are welcome to come back to school to join the all school parade at 3:10. PM KDG students wear their costumes to school. All parents are welcome to line our playground and watch the parade. Children will enter the building to get their backpacks and will come back outside to be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Follow Franklin on Twitter @FranklinD64</p> <p>Franklin Facebook page. There are icons to both the Facebook page and the Twitter account on the top of the Franklin School website page.</p>	
8:05 pm	<p>Committee Appreciation – THANK YOUs! – We couldn’t do any of this without you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. School Supplies – Liz Kelly and all the great helpers! B. Teacher Welcome Back Lunch (Hospitality) – Analiza Austria-Keefe, Cheri Hanley, Melanie Fannon put on a great lunch C. Back to School Picnic – Roberto Cammino – Greatly appreciate his help, he organizes this event every year and everyone enjoyed themselves! D. Kindergarten Ice Cream Social– Alla Bagryankaya – good turn out! E. Spiritwear – Christina Heotis – thank you and if you ordered it, it will be delivered next week and go home with your child. F. Pizza Day –Charisse Plaza, Debbie Zeman, Connie Rodgers – going well so far, new fruit and veggie bar is a nice addition! If you were double charged, please let PTA know. G. Picture Day & Vision/Hearing Screening – Mary Maestranzi, Lisa Bascomb, Debbie Zeman, Jennifer Lavacarre, Melanie Fannon, Amy Bond – thanks to all who helped. H. Room Parent Coordinators – Maureen Cook, Caroline Schaab, Jen Culbertson – Room parent meeting just held, thanks to the coordinators for being so organized! 	Cathie Hirsh and Nicole Nieves
8:10 pm	<p>Committee Updates – Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. New Family & Kindergarten Parent Social – Alla Bagryankaya – A new event is coming up next week: Harp and Fiddle 9/21 7:30 – 9:30, new family and kindergarten parent social. Appetizers will be provided and we’ll have space reserved. Welcoming committee also did an ice cream social and park playdate. B. Franklin Fit – Liz Kelly & Alex Hayden bring a basketball and a parent. C. Room Parent Coordinators – Maureen Cook, Caroline Schaab, Jen Culbertson – some rooms only have two room parents, PM Rousakis, Mabrito, Lopresti. Otherwise there are many room parents for all the other classes. D. Yearbook - Submit those pictures & order your yearbook! – 8th year doing this, Ana will be moving on from franklin after this year. 15% off until the end of 	Cathie Hirsh and Nicole Nieves

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	September. You can create custom pages as well. Submit pictures to franklinyearbook@gmail.com .	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Donuts with Dads – <i>Mary Maestranzi</i> – wants to do a paper flyer, Dr K agreed. Event is 9/27. Needs help at 6pm on Tuesday night the night before. Juice can no longer be stored in the kitchen. F. Franklin Parent Night Out – Get Your Tickets! – Parent Social on Oct 14th Saturday night, \$30 open bar and heavy apps at Harp and Fiddle. G. Buddy benches are out. Rolling out a little different, they are benches to hang out on. We don't have a formal learning plan. Thanks to Mary and Jeanette. H. Hoping to do a Trunk or Treat. Looking for a co-chair. This will replace the evening Halloween party. It will be 10/30, Monday. 	
8:20 pm	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-a-Thon a.k.a. Raise Craze: “The Kindness Walk” – October 13th – We now use a web based fundraiser called raise craze in conjunction with our walk a thon. This lets the children pay it forward” with donations. They pledge to do acts of kindness to thank donors for their donations. It will be incentive based with monster key chains this year. Kids can earn monster key chains with doing a certain number of acts of kindness, sending emails, getting a certain number of donations. More information to come. Kick off assembly will be 9/25 at 3pm to get the kids excited. Very big fundraiser for the school. Goal is \$30,000 for this year. Some fun prizes for top earners and acts of kindness as well. Day of the walk they have a celebration, parents cheer the kids on, there is a DJ. The committee is thinking of including a donation to hurricane victims as well. More to come on that. Email kindnesswalk@franklinPTA.com for questions. • Motion to approve budget. Mary Maestranzi and Jeanette Korovalis approved. 	Cathie Hirsh and Nicole Nieves
8:30 pm	Upcoming Events!	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin Fit (9/20), Kindergarten Parent Social (9/21), Kindness Walk Assembly (9/25), Donuts with Dad (9/27), Kindness Walk (10/13), Franklin Parent Night Out (10/14) 	Maureen Hartwig and Aimee Kish
8:30 pm	<p>Motion to Adjourn - Mike Cremins and Courtney Bowles motioned. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.</p> <p>IN Attendance: Maureen Hartwig, Aimee Kish, Megan Flieschel, Erin Gilfert, Cathie Hirsch, Nicole Nieves, Regina Roderick, Courtney Bowles, Donna Kotty, Dr. Kowalczyk, Laurie Heinz, Caroline Schaab, Tiffini Fourkas, Julie Roman, Rosa Black, Ronda Pissios, Melissa Cooper, Laura Gainor, Joanne Palomeno, Natasa Stevkollic-Raseta, Laura Morriss, Dana Boseday, Alla Bagryanskaya, Anges Babala, Anna Pitrowski, Debbie Zeman, Iona Nica, Joanna Adamczewski, Jeanette Korovila, Ann Egger, Karla Kintzel, Anila Ajdini, Melissa Kleeman-May, Alexandra Hayden, Dawn Parikh, Mike Cremins, Julie Zambuto, Kelly Kolotisas, Amy Indriolo, Patty Aliferas, Mary Maestranzi, Sorin Lazar, Vicki Berge, Pinak Viradia, Jen Lavaccare.</p>	Join us after at Beer on the Wall!

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday October 24th 7:30pm