

Board Members

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Time	Item	Owner
7:00 pm	Call to Order and Approval of last meeting's minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maureen approves, Mike seconds -- Minutes approved! 	Aimee Kish and Amy Indriolo
7:05pm	Information regarding upcoming District 207 referendum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entrance safety - adding an additional vestibule once you buzz in - building updates - handicap accessible entrances at Maine East / Maine South - if passed, it will be a year to 18 months to complete - Go to the website to get more information - short videos with more detailed information - 3-4 years for all 4 buildings to be completed - SEE FULL MAINE DISTRICT 207 DOCUMENT 	Dr. Ben Collins, Maine South Principal
7:25pm	Franklin Teacher presentation - 1st grade teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showcased how each teacher uses their \$200 allocation - Students thank PTA for their bag of books and book boxes in all 5 classrooms - Alternative seating in Mrs. Lally's room - Teachers used book fair money to update their classroom libraries 	1st Grade teachers
7:40pm	Principal's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have one more night of Parent Teacher Conferences this Thurs Oct. 18th 4 - 8 p.m. - We had two nights last week and have had a great turn out. Thank you PTA for providing dinner for two evenings. - Franklin will be hosting the Board of Education meeting on Mon Oct. 22nd. We will be showing a video highlighting our Month of Kindness at Franklin. If you have any pictures of your children doing Acts of Kindness please email them to me at ckowalczyk@D64.org - Next week is Red Ribbon Week. We will be doing a special announcements about living drug free. - On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd we invite all staff and students to wear Red in support of - Student council members will tie Red Ribbons around the trees out front of our school. - The theme is Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free.™ Teachers will be tying living "drug free" into our curriculum. - Our 5th grade students will be going to Camp Duncan next Thurs Oct 25 - Fri Oct. 26th. 	Dr. Claire Kowalczyk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The busses will arrive in the First Baptist Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. so we are asking parents to drop off their children at 8:45 a.m. We will return to the parking lot around 2:00-2:30 on Fri Oct 26th. - Franklin is competing to keep the ELF trophy for the highest participation in the Halloween Hustle on Sat. Oct. 27th. Please consider registering for this fun family event. We had a great time last year and had a fantastic turnout of Franklin families and staff. - Our next big event at school will be our Halloween parade and parties on Wed. Oct. 31st. - Franklin students will have a HALLOWEEN PARADE (weather permitting) and parties on WED. Oct. 31st. The ALL SCHOOL parade will take place outside at 2:20 p.m. Children will change into their costumes at 1:00 and then we will start our classroom parties. Kindergarten students can wear their costumes to school. Classroom parties will be held from 1:20 - 2:20 p.m. 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. - 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 2:20 p.m. - 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 2:40 p.m. - PLEASE NOTE - HALLOWEEN FALLS ON A WEDNESDAY THIS YEAR SO STUDENTS WILL EARLY DISMISS AT 2:40 P.M. - We do not have school on Nov. 6th - due to the election and schools are used as voting stations. It is a teacher institute day. - There is no school the week of Thanksgiving. 	
7:55pm	PTA Board Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11/14 fundraiser - 4-10pm - New Car magnets will be available in the MySchoolAnywhere.com store - \$2.50 for PTA members / \$5 for non-members 	PTA Board
8:00pm	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEE TREASURER'S REPORT 	Donna Kotty

8:10 pm	<p>Committee Reports - Thank you!!!!</p> <p>A. Hospitality Committee for Parent Teacher Conferences– <i>Charisse Plaza, Liana Madura</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <i>Thank you for the dinner for parent teacher conferences - catered from Pita Inn - \$445</i></p> <p>B. Kindness Walk - <i>Cathie Hirsh, Nicole Nieves, Rhonda Pissios</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <i>58% of Raise Craze fees were covered by parents checking the box</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. <i>highest funds raised in 3 years since doing the Kindness Walk</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. <i>363 participants - higher than previous years (522 total students)</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d. <i>1665 acts of Kindness - highest ever!</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">e. <i>More than 500 Pete’s sack lunches received</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">f. <i>idea for next year - pack a squad car with canned food donations</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">g. <i>Kick-off of raise craze with a service assembly in the evening where kids can have different stations to make items to do things right away</i></p> <p>C. Franklin Fit - <i>Liz Kelly</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <i>idea for funds next year - automatic basketball hoops to easily lower them</i></p> <p>D. Box Tops - <i>Liana Madura, Andrea Cline</i></p>	Alex Hayden and Joanne Palomeno
8:20 pm	<p>Upcoming Events/ Announcements</p> <p>A. ELF - Halloween Hustle fundraiser, October 27th, 8am. - <i>Kim Urso</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <i>Franklin wants to keep the trophy! Please attend if you can. See details at FranklinPTA.com</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. <i>This year they’re not doing the Casino Night - this is now their main fundraiser for the year</i></p> <p>B. Franklin Trunk or Treat - October 28th - <i>Liz Kelly</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <i>Give candy donations to Liz Kelly</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. <i>So far 13 cars signed up -- Setup by 3pm</i></p> <p>C. Halloween Classroom Parties, October 31st -<i>Maureen Hartwig, Room Parent Coordinator</i></p> <p>D. Parent Night Out - November 3rd, Izzy’s Arcade Bar</p> <p>E. 3rd-5th Social - Friday November 9th - <i>Debbie Zeman, Yuling Ouyang</i></p> <p>F. Square 1 Art - <i>Dana Bozeday</i></p> <p>G. Restaurant Night - <i>local fundraisers at restaurants in the area</i></p> <p>H. Mother / Son event TBD - determine co-chair & date - Maureen and Liz talking about doing it in the spring</p>	Alex Hayden and Joanne Paolomeno
8:30 pm	<p>Motion to Adjourn - Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, Dec 6th 7-8:30pm</p>	<p>Join us after at Make Room for Truman!</p>
FYI	<p>Upcoming Events! ELF Halloween Hustle 10/27, Trunk or Treat, 10/28, Parent Night Out, 11/3, 3-5 Social, 11/9.</p>	

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Alex Rubenstein

Mary Lally

Yuling Ouyang (Christine)

Julia Egan

Rosa Black
Laura Gainor
Joanne Palomeno
Aimee Kish
Alexandria Hayden
Deanna Barrett
Mike Creming
Andrea Hetcke
Ben Collins
Jessica English
Donna Kotty
Liana Madura
Maureen Hartwig
Cathie Hirsch
Laura Mabrito
Patricia Alifaris
Amy Indriolo
Nicole Nieves
Liz Kelly
Dr. Claire