

## Franklin Meeting Minutes May 26th, 2016

### 7:00 Call to order

Jeanette called to order at 7:06.

### 7:05 Approval of Minutes: Mike Cremins, Cathie Hirsh

Monica approved, Noreen seconded.

### 7:10 Treasurer's Report : Carolyn Kosiorek

No PTA did as well as we did financially. Everyone stayed on task and did more than they ever did. (Round of applause).

### 7:15 Principal's Report/ ELF updates: Mr. Dan Walsh

Thanked everyone and the PTA for his gifts / luncheon that was given to him earlier in the week. He said nice to see past PTA leaders still attend these PTA meetings. He felt part of this community for the last 11 years. He is very focused on setting everything up for the new principal.

Building will undergo summer construction. Sections of the roof. Interior upgrades (security) still going out to bid.

Yearbook was incredible. (round of applause). Huge volunteer turnout for Olympic day and was a hot/sunny day.

Next year's class lists are almost done. They will go out roughly the week before school. Losing 3rd graders going into fourth grade (moving out town). If you know someone going into 4th, advise the school because losing students is affecting teacher ratio.

The kids have exceeded all the rocks that were expected to be earned and PTA is rewarding them with a bounce house. The band will also be celebrating with the kids.

### 7:25 Committee Reports

-Walking club (Maureen Hartwig)

Tomorrow is last event. All volunteers passed the fingerprint hurdle and event has been going well. Fingerprints are only good for year. Having one teacher available would help move things along. It was meant to be a simple concept that has really evolved into a big event. Some suggestions: No drop off, parents walk with the child. How do children respond in class after a morning of walking? Need to follow up and ask some teachers.

-Welcoming Committee (Maureen Hartwig)

Courtney Bowles, Meghan Keefer and Maureen Hartwig were there to reach out to the new families. Planning park events with the kids over the summer. Principle can do email blasts over the summer to keep new families involved over the summer. New family welcome for 1st-5th graders planned at Fleischel house because new families entering the school after kindergarten are sometimes left out.

-Night of the Stars (Janine Paprocki)

Suggestion to promote it more: do it right it after school and another evening performance. Jeanette said when it started 2 years ago, it was planned to do it during the school day so all kids see the event and want to do it. PARK testing got in the way this year. Mr. Walsh suggested doing it in the winter time.

-Book Fair (Linda Peterson, Andrea Hetzke)

Totals are not in...it will be credit for books from scholastic. Linda said she will only be here for another year, so need someone else to get involved.

-Roller Skating Party (Noreen Hart)

About 100 kids attended and fun was had by all.

-5<sup>th</sup> Grade events (Shane Dupke, Jen Marques, Shannon Kowalski, Stephanie Kueppers)

Shane Dupke: Drop off for the kids in the evening. The theme was "glow in the dark" everyone wearing earrings and chains. Kids danced and enjoyed snow cones until the very last second. Four volunteers for the icecream social and everything going forward. Park Ridge family (My impressionables) is doing the t-shirts. PTA provides a t-shirt, 5<sup>th</sup> graders get a certificate, and high five everyone in the hallway as they make their way to the gym. Healthy Kids providing burgers/dogs for their picnic. Icecream novelties also provided.

-Muffins with Mom (Mary Maestranzi)

500 muffins purchased, 7 were left. Rumor was kids were putting some in their backpacks. Bananas and peaches were donated by a Franklin family.

-Service Learning- food drive, smencil sale (Donna Kotty)

\$530 in profit was made last week. Another sale will be at the last day of school. If all sales come in, it will pay for two buddy benches. 1150 smencils are left to sell.

About a thousand pounds of food were raised in the food drive. Books were also raised for the NICU at Lutheran General. Mr. Walsh will get the details to tell the kids via announcement what they accomplished. Monica will also send out an email blast on what the accomplished by the smencil sale, so parents see the success and what the proceeds went towards.

Anna Pitrowski: 390 yearbooks were sold...and the deal with the company was 390 trees will be planted.

### **8:00 New Business-**

-Summer Send Off Picnic

Popsicles will be distributed by PTA. Roy's Red Hots will be selling hotdogs for morning Kindergarten and afternoon all school dismissal. .

- Bench Sale/ Buddy Benches

Voted on last month and order will be submitted. Mary and Jeanette think 6 more benches are needed around the playground. Benches are \$700 each and wording will be engraved directly onto the bench. Gabby suggested to have a donation in various amounts if people don't want/can't buy an entire bench. Clarification to the crowd: smencils are for 2 buddy benches. PTA buying 4 benches for \$2800 will be voted on today. Jeanette and Mary will each buy their own. Most PTA's in the area end the year with \$25,000 balance.

-Summer Movie/ Restaurant events

Will try to do Frosty Penguin night and a movie sometime on the weekend.

-Summer Pool Party

Last year 350 people attended, a great attendance. First year cost \$500. Last year and this year is \$550, so vote will be done

today.

-Custodial fees

Mostly for the incoming PTA board. Anytime the custodians are at the school from 6am-11pm (their regular hours), as long as volunteers do most of the work, no bill. Winterfest bill was \$240 for custodian to come in for 4 hours outside their shift.

Pizza day made about \$6500 this year.

Hot Lunch - Business manager for the district: most updated info....Arbor presented to the board that they need \$90,000 to continue hotlunch. Board says they were misinformed and will revisit this topic. Healthy Kids Kitchen is still in the running to maybe get the deal in the district. June 19th is the next Board meeting. Petition is suggested to be started at the school level. Roosevelt showed up at the board meeting with a petition signed by 400 students. Multiple people at our meeting tonight said communication on this topic has been a disaster. Survey shows 65% want hot lunches. If it passes, Beyond The Bell cannot be in our kitchen. Possibly each school in district would have to pay \$10,000 if it passes. Space consideration is a problem. At Field, the band practices in the kitchen. Our lunch monitors would not be allowed in our kitchen. There are too many variables and stories going around to fully discuss.

-Assembly

Concert will be the last day, 2:30-3:15. Spread by word of mouth and email front office so they can have passes done ahead of time. PTA outside events will follow.

-Emerson PTA board

Looking for Vice-president. A blast was sent out to 5th grade families.

-Election committee (Ellen Cielocha, Shannon Kowalski, Kim Urso)

Co presidents. Maureen Hartwig and Nicole Nieves

Co Vice presidents: Donna Kotty and Courtney Bowles

Co recording: Cathie Hirsch and Mike Cremins

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Megan Fleishel and Regina Roderick

Treasurer: Lindsey Whyte

Grant summaries: \$99 to Andrea Hetzke for STEM materials. \$464 for bag of books for Mrs. Sweeney.

TONIGHT'S VOTING RESULTS

Benches: 3 NO's 21 Yes's

Pool: 24 Yes's

Elections: 24 Yes'

Crowd thanked and applauded the PTA board for their past two years of hard work. Mr. Walsh said every past PTA president has put their notch into this school. Mr. Walsh said over the years, more and more parents are showing up to these meetings.

**8:30 Motion to Adjourn \*next meeting fall<sup>h</sup>\* 2016** Donna and Noreen motioned at 8:20pm

In attendance

Mary Maestranzi, Jeannette Korovilas, Monica Wojnicki, Carolyn Kosiorek, Mike Cremins, Dan Walsh, Ellen Cielocha, Maureen Hartwig, Megan Fleishel, Lindsey Whyte, D. Benedetto, Shannon Kowalski, Kim Urso, Regina Roderick, Donna Kotty, Anna Piotrowski, Nicole Nieves, Courtney Bowles, Linda Peterson, Noreen Hart, Mark Dupki, Shane Dupke, Chris Sanchez, Alla Bagryanskaya