



Franklin Meeting Minutes September 17th, 2015

7:00 Call to order

Actually began at 7:06

Everyone said their name and who kids are/teachers (took about 5 minutes)

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

Approved at 8:14

7:10 Treasurer's Report/Budget Approval/Audit Report : Carolyn Kosiorek

Began at 8:14

Fundraising was stressed.

Audience: How much is in the total bank? Carolyn used Pizza day as an example. Jeanette said the \$11,000 check for the swings has not cleared yet. PTA dues has come in, but \$4.25 per member has not been sent to the National yet.

Referred to Linda how to approve the budget. Mary asked Maureen if she approves the budget. Any have budget questions, we can discuss afterwards.

7:15 District 64 Superintendent Dr. Laurie Heinz

Jumped to her first: began 7:10.

Said Franklin has the most parents in the audience. Her goal is to attend one PTA meeting.

Highlights from last year....listening and learning. Take district from where it is to move forward.

Hired CEC, spent 3 days in district w/team of 30. Learning collaboration and results were the goals. Recommended watching last years pod casts. This year is first year of a 5 year plan. 6 big areas of focus: (see pamphlet)

Everybody in the community got a post card of the financial report..not just school families. Focus was how it your tax dollars are invested. This will be coming out annually.

Launched 1:1 initiative. 3300 chrome books started in the schools. Every 10 years required health/life safety study to hire architects/engineers to inspect the buildings. Buildings range between 18 - 90 years old.

Sept 21 and 28th are next two board meetings. Budget will be discussed and how to finance the life safety plan.

4500 students started the year in 8 buildings, 720 employees.

Passed out 20/20 Vision Strategic Plan. Early November planning on doing a parent presentation of the plan.

Her twitter account is [drlaurieheinz](#)

Highlights 3 areas in curriculum: high impact instruction, 7 strategies (can check throughout the school year how student is doing),

Hired 40 new employees in the district over the summer.

Launched superintendant committee to get the message out. About 20 are on committee..said noone in the audience is on the committee.

In the next few weeks, look for the Inagural Annual Report. Used the money for the handbook (now on the web) to do a papercopy of the annual report.

Starting to have 2 board meetings a month. 3 and 4th Monday of the month, new start time is 7pm.

Last year a new bus company was hired. New component was added this year....a computer routing system which had some glitches. Franklin was not affected as much as other schools. Adjustments have been made....apologized. Any future problems, contact Mr. Walsh.

Summer construction. Summer school was at Franklin...Mary said we like it here. Heinz said that no decision has been made for the next summer....but plan is to rotate schools in the district.

Questions from the audience:

Have they talked about full day kindergarten? Look at handout, full day kindergarten is driven by #5 and #6. Right now, no room in district. She said to build a new classroom costs \$1 million per classroom....Franklin would need 4. It would be nice...a study will be done to see what the benefits are. Statistics say lower income at risk families would benefit the most. Park Ridge may not be the right area for it. Decision will be made somewhere in this 5 year study.

Monica follow up question: says results were outstanding that we wanted full day kindergarten. Heinz said it was not outstanding positive response.

Heinz said Northbrook is moving forward with full day K, because they are making it much more rigorous. Audience asked if our curriculum is not as good as Northbrook's.....Heinz said we are slowly trying on getting there to that level.

Cahty: Has anybody studied what we are spending per capita compared to our neighborhoods? Heinz referred to Illinois Report Card. Park Ridge spends \$14,000 per student. Average household income in PR in 90k..not going to compare to Glencoe, ect.. PR is focusing on what we spend it on and not how much.

Heinz ended at 7:53

7:30 Principal's Report/ ELF updates: Mr. Dan Walsh

Began at 8:20pm.

Walsh thanked the PTA and said the PTA hit the ground running this year. Swings are a huge success. Picnic was a great time. Thanked picture day volunteers and again the PTA (Slight, just slight applause for the audience). Teachers said there were alot of volunteers this year and "this years PTA is over the top."

Very excited about the Walkathon. and half the board is already colored in.

55 kids signed up for chess club. Largest group. Had to expand into another classroom.

7:40 Teacher Spotlights: Mary Lally (1st grade), Jen Proffer(speech therapist), Anna Marie Petricca, Lenore Franckowiak, Mary McCabe(special ed)

Presidents said we will speed up....jumped up to Teachers at 7:53.

Lally really appreciates the playground addition and the biggest hit is the sidewalk chalk. All the teachers are doing Math Sacks this year.

Proffer spoke for the team. We appreciate everything PTA has done for us. Read her presentation on a presentation they attended and how they will use the program at Franklin.

They passed around a bunch of books. Mary said they look great. No one had any questions for them. They kept on talking for another 5 minutes. Mary wrapped up by saying that this program will help kids put their feelings in words if they are being bullied. Petricca and Franckowiak discussed the impact of the books.

Jeanette said the point of this presentation is teachers are looking for financing so they can implement. They are not ready for us to vote on the grant right now. Proffer said vote on half the amount and can get the other half elsewhere. Walsh suggested vote on the whole grant. Total worse case scenario is \$972.

Done at 8:13 pm. Tallying votes as we go. 32 yes, 1 no.

7:50 Committee Reports

Walk-a-thon (Cathie Hirsh)

It is the 25th. Trying to not spend money this year...but incentivize kids to get out there. Teachers are donating "experiences" and they are on signs displayed up front. Large trophy is in the case, which goes to the top homeroom each year. About \$5000 has come in so far. One in audience asked if a child can opt out of the incentive as a way to save money. Cathy said can right it on the form.

Donuts With Dad (Mary Maestranzi- October 1st. Sweet Connections Bakery)

492 kids in the school. Thinking about purchasing 550 donuts. Donuts purchased for .80/each. Fruit and juice were donated.

Franklin Fit (Maureen Hatwig/ Donna Kotty/Liz Kelly)

Social Events Committee(adult social (country side) future site? , wolves game, school dance?)

About 60 people came. Did a 50/50 raffle, that parent kept the money. Want to another one that is interactive this time. Pinstripes? Wolves game is coming up. Looking for someone to run it and distribute the tickets. 7pm on the 10th of October.

Walking Club(Maureen Hartwig, Donna Kotty, Liz Kelly)

180 kids each week. Need at least 15 parent volunteers. Looking to do the first friday in Oct/Nov/Apr/May

Welcoming Committee (Maureen Hartwig, Angela Staunton, and Aimee Kish)

For new families that transfer in above kindergarten...set them up with a buddy to explain what is walkathon ect.. For kindergartners.....doing Ice scream social for dads and a wine night for the moms.

Fundraising Julie Zambuto- Square 1 art, Bindu Pithadia Innisbrook wrapping paper kidstuff-Mark Dupke

In the next couple of weeks, order forms for kids image on items will be coming out for the holidays. Same for wrapping paper.

Mark will get the coupon book coming out in early November.

Language Liaisons Gabi Diniello

Over 37 languages spoken in Franklin...highest in the district.

Brick Fundraiser Mary Maestranzi

Swings are installed but bricks are not. \$3728 raised. Mary said an \$1100 invoice just submitted. Hoping next week bricks will be installed. The bench fundraiser will continue because of little interest. Jeanette wants to purchase 6 benches to save on shipping charges.

Summer Pool Party Jeanette Korovilas

240 people attended. Mrs. Lally only teacher to attend.

Spirit Wear Tina Piraino

An order form will be coming out. \$400 was sold at curriculum night.

Back to School Picnic Roberto Cammino

\$240 on icecream, \$400 on DJ, Kiddie Kingdom donated back 15% (about \$75). Tom Pecket won 50/50 raffle \$180 and donated it all back.

Cultural Arts Linda Peterson

Repeating will be the BMX bike guy because he is a super nice human being and kids love him.

Waiting to hear from Dr. Cool and Pride...they interact with the kids. Looking at Feb 12th, two different performances, same day as the Valentines Day Parties.

Magic by Randy has a date TBD.

Poetry guy will be at Washington in February....looking at maybe booking him and split the costs with Washington.

Hopefully money in the budget for one additional.

Jeanette talked about anti-bullying committee. Three performances will be done "Ease the Tease" based on grade levels. Theme is for anti-bullying.

Maybe an afterschool sexual abuse meeting at Emerson.

Red Ribbon Week (Jeanette / Cathie- "I have the power to be drug free"-super hero theme. "sock it to Drugs"-crazy sock day, "follow your dreams" pajama day, "wild about being drug free" wild hair day, "Celebrate red ribbon week not just for a week but for a life" wear red day

Family Fun Night Nicole Nieves

Looking for volunteers.

8:15 New Business

Began at 9pm

Reading Garden improvements/ Book share

Looking for maybe a mural and ideas.

Linda said have the children make clay pieces and make a collage on the wall.

Bench Sale

Science Club **Andrea Hetzke**

Dawn will volunteer. January and February will have a cottonball experiment. Monica will add to Website....science club looking for volunteers.

Recess Equipment **Swing purchase, classroom recess equipment**

Committee Chairs needed (**RAK, Social Events, Science Olympiad, Science Club, 5th grade party, picnic and ice cream social, math club volunteers, Reading Garden)**

8:30 Motion to Adjourn *next meeting October 15th at 7pm*

Gabby motioned it. Donna Seconded it.

Actually Ended at 9:08

People in attendance: 35 total

24 : Mike Cremins Cathie Hirsh Victoria Berge Lina Divito Melanie Fannon Donna Katty

Jen Culberton Maureen Hartwig Dyana Barnas Monica Wojnicki Patricia Aliferis Gabriela Diniello

Mary Maestranzi Jeanette Korovilas Carolyn Kosiorek Jim Griesenauer Dan Walsh Laurie Heinz

Emily Lech Mark Dupke Linda Peterson Alla Bagryanskaya Paula Broutman Siliva Rizza

6 Teachers: Andrea Hetzke Mary Lally Mary McCabe Jennifer Proffer Anna Marie Petricca Ann Marie Bartee

2 non members as of 15 SEP 12:29pm printout: Rebecca Bergeron Sandra Arangop (?)

3 non signed in but sat behind Mike and Monica : Dawn Parick plus 2 others.

