



Franklin Meeting Minutes April 14th 2016

7:00 Call to order Actually 8:08 pm

Meeting is at Moretti's. Mary called it to order at 8:08pm. Thanked everyone for coming and being involved in the school. Lindsey White approved the minutes and Ellen Cielocha seconded it.

8:09 Approval of Minutes/ Membership Info: Cathie Hirsh, Mike Cremins

8:10 Treasurer's Report : Carolyn Kosiorek

Winter Fest profit of \$11,417 got a round of applause. Another applause for Monica who uploaded and ran the bidding website.

Estimated to be in the high 20s for going into next year....more than we budgeted.

8:20 Principal's Report/ ELF updates:

Mr. Walsh was not here. Emily Lech reported on some technical difficulties regarding PARCC. They had a luncheon for all the teacher assistants. School is organizing one or two enrichment days for the week of Memorial Day. Let kids be creative after all this testing. Emily acknowledged and thanked the PTA. The big thing she sees is the assemblies that the PTA runs.

Jeanette said Franklin is the only school that does not have a parent rep. Mr. Walsh represents the school but needs a parent. Lindsey White asked what programs at Franklin uses ELF. Jeanette said the climbing wall and the mural plus the worms that teacher Andrea Hedtze handles. There has been no grant request from Franklin this year or last year. Lindsey White and Kim Urso said they will do it. If Roosevelt gets a 3d printer, then Franklin won't. One school got a green room. Parents or teachers write the grant, which Franklin has not utilized to it's full potential.

8:25 Committee Report

Healthy Living Month - Christina Hestis and Susan Olsen did a smoothie presentation last month, said about 25 people showed up. Made banners that are in the gym "Eat This and Not This." Inline skating is tomorrow in Mount Prospect. Week 3 is next and planning to do planting and gardening, plus this year they will be planting carrots which are in season...kids can then take them home. Week 4 will be dodgeball boys against girls. Next week, they will blow the whistle in the lunchroom to acknowledge a good green lunch.

Book Fair Linda Peterson is organizing with Andrea Hetzke. May 4th and 5th during open house. Looking for volunteers to help out. Volunteers will get a \$10 credit towards their purchases. This is Linda's last year, so looking for volunteers next year. It is a \$3500 fundraiser for the school.

Night of Stars

Only 20 kids are signed up...last year was a record of 40 acts. Looking for volunteers for concessions.

5th Grade Parties

Ice Cream Social and Emerson T-shirts are provided by the PTA. Looking for volunteers for May 31st. Go to My School Anywhere to sign up. Shannon Konralskii is on the committee. More of a glow in the dark theme.

Walking Club

Plan is for every Friday morning in the month of May. Maureen Hartwig is running it and needs volunteers, who need a background check because it is a before school event. Charms will be going on the students' backpacks. Kids get dropped off between 7:50 and 8am. First one was over 200 kids.

Year Book

Have till April 17th to order. Tree Ring is an app that makes it easier to go from your phone to the year book.

Welcoming Committee (kindergarten round up)

Maureen Hartwig spoke. Will be at open house, park meet ups and kindergarten round up and discuss PTA at those locations.

Service Learning

Maine Township Food Depository and Lutheran General NeoNatal unit will be getting checks from the profits. Possibly take student council to serve food at Ronald McDonald House.

Muffins with Mom

Mary is running it. Last year was chocolate chip muffins from Sweet Connections, bananas. Looking for 12-15 husbands to volunteer.

Committee Chairs needed- Olympic Day

PTA usually sets up a water stand and it is May 25th this year. Looking for volunteers to help run this. The t-shirt is \$7 and the company providing said each classroom will get a different color.

Nominating Committee

Next year, Maureen Hartwig and Nicole Nieves are nominees for co-presidents.

Donna Kotty and Courtney Bowles for co-vicepresidents

Mike Cremins and Cathy Hirsch for co-recording secretary.

Megan Fleishel and Regina Roderick for co-treasures.

Kim Urso, Lindsey White, Shannon Korraliskii and Ellen Cielocha will be the nominating committee.

Last Day of School Picnic was mentioned.

8:40 New Business

Buddy Bench

A red bench, blue bench to correspond with the color in the park. Next Smencil sale will go towards these. Benches cost \$450 each. District will install. Vote on the maximum - what is raised with the Smencil sale. Maureen Hartwig asked how will the staff support this. Emily Lech said the social emotional teaching will be rolling out once a week starting next year. Next step is buying a bench, one for 2nd, 5th, kindergarten and front doors. A family can purchase the bench and get a plaque near the bench. Those benches are \$469 plus the cost of the plaque. Carolyn mentioned, what about a fundraiser from the class of 2016 for one bench. Jeanette said we will promote it and in the past one family block said they will buy one. Voting will be at next meeting to see if purchasing more benches. Voting is ongoing for a Franklin mascot. Emily Lech said a new principle would be a good opportunity to be involved in the picking a mascot. The Rocks Theme will be continued...however there is a Social Emotional Committee for the district...does everyone do something like a researched based idea. One idea is a check in coach...who can be anyone at the school. See them in them in the morning then see them at the end of the day

Hot Lunch Program

PTA had a choice of 28 days a year or have the district take over. Estimated price was \$3.50 a meal and survey showed families were not interested in sustainable items. Every PTA needs to vote and would cost each PTA \$10,000 to be paid over 3 years. Arbor is the company and may put the cost of the items built into the cost of the food. It goes back to the School Board, then local PTA board. It will be either no more lunch program or pay back the lunch program. Dr. Heinz meeting is beginning of May, and Franklin PTA meeting is the end of the month. It will need to go to a vote at that time. Washington is ready to vote and write the check, Roosevelt is against it. It needs to be district wide.

Jeanette said she is planning on putting something for Mr. Walsh's last week and looking for ideas and volunteers.

Buddy benches were unanimous in voting yes to pass.

9:07 pm Motion to Adjourn Monica and Lindsey at 9:07 pm. *next meeting May 26th 7pm in the LRC*

In attendance was: Mary Maestranzi, Jeannette Korovilas, Monica Wojnicki, Carolyn Kosiorek, Mike Cremins, Lindsey White, Kim Urso, Shannon Korraliski, Courtney Bowles, Maureen Hartwig, Megan Fleischel, Regina Roderick, Vicki Berge, Diana Heskin, Silvia Rizza, Amy Indriolo, Patricia Aliferis, Michelle Braccioforte, Debbie Zeman, Vickie Karras, Susan Olsen, Christina Hestis, Ellen Cielocha, Emily Lech.