



Franklin Meeting Minutes January 14th 2016

7:07 Call to order

7:07 Approval of Minutes/ Membership Info: Mike Cremins

A handout of the December minutes was provided and approved by Monica Wojnicki and Carolyn Kosiorek

7:07 Treasurer's Report : Carolyn Kosiorek

Square One did phenomenal...made \$2900. Was just under the threshold to go from 30% to 40% of profits to Franklin. Currently paying classroom reimbursements and teacher allocations. Next month will be much busier on the Treasury side.

7:10 Principal's Report/ ELF updates: Mr. Dan Walsh

Fortunate enough to get Title 1 Funds this year which is based on math assessments. Anyone 2nd - 5th grader who scores 40% or below on test, gets the opportunity for math tutoring from these Federal Funds. Very low teacher ratio 2:1 or 4:1. Has seen significant increase in scores after tutoring from Spring to Fall. A teacher (Math Interventionist, Katie Elder) was hired from these funds in addition to the additional tutoring model.

Ellis Island had a great turnout of parents in the 4th grade today. Lena Milissis asked Mr. Walsh if anyone has ever contacted Citizen and Immigration Services and offer the school as a place to do a swearing in ceremony. Mr. Walsh said was a great idea and made a note.

Elf Casino night needs a Franklin Parent as an Elf Rep to assist Mr. Walsh. Event is January 30th.

New Concepts Myth Busters Meeting was this past Tuesday - Mr. Walsh was alone. Other people were at the first one and had good questions. He will continue doing monthly meetings on different days of the week, TBA.

Spoke with Vicky Nelson who will be starting a running club for 4th/5th grade boys around Spring Break that will culminate with a 3 or 5k. Girls have been doing it the last few years and has been called Girls on the Run.

New Head lunchroom supervisor is Ed Callahan.

District is looking at having a district lunch. Prepare food in middle schools and ship to elementary schools. District is looking into bids. This will help the PTA because volunteers have been dwindling and PTA may drop a hot lunch day. Two volunteers are currently serving the students. This is a favor to the parents making lunches and a fun meal for the kids, but lack of volunteers will jeopardize this. The District plans will alleviate this problem...refer to district board meetings for upto date information.

PARCC - Illinois released scores right before winter break. Mr. Walsh is not pleased with the scores and addressed the issue with school staff when teachers came back from break. Not going to teach specifically for PARCC but will make students aware of the ways this test is formatted, which is more rigorous / challenging than other tests. Next PARCC test is April 2016.

MAP testing is done three times a year and get the results the very next day. This is a huge benefit for the school because staff can analyze and adjust.

7:45 Committee Reports

Winterfest - Planning has started. Karaoke in Auditorium. Bounce house, hockey shootout. Baskets and raffle will switch places where they have been in the past. Suggest to teachers to put reminders in students assignment books for donations. Bindu said giftcard tree will be done if enough giftcards are donated.

Social Events Committee - New committee that Ann Zartman is co-chairing. First Winter dance is January 22nd for 3rd-5th grades. DJ is now booked and free event. Parent must attend with child. Volunteer on MY SCHOOL ANYWHERE.

Class Parties - Valentines Day in February. Room Parents will be in touch. "Dr. Cool" will be doing 2 performances which is interactive for the kids.

Book Club - Carolyn said numbers are a little down this year. There were no parent volunteers for 3rd grade, so 3rd graders could not participate.

Science Club- for 3-5th grade during lunch. Andrea Hetzke (not present at the meeting) is running this program. Will meet on 3 Thursdays, Jan 21, Feb 18 and Mar 17.

Committee Chairs needed- Science Olympiad is February 6th (Franklin is only school in the district without a REP!) Also need ELF and Diversity Week rep. A lot of discussion and ideas about how to get more parents involved in chairing events.

**** MARY SZYJLA volunteered for the Science Olympiad and got a hug from Mr. Walsh and a huge round of applause from the attendees. ****

7:45 New Business

Buddy Bench - Colorful or painted bench. If you have noone to play with at recess, you can sit on the bench. Other students can then see that child and invite that child to activities that are already in progress. Has been in place and successful elsewhere.

Reading Garden Improvements - Either a mural or plants to grow up the wall. A book exchange there or something....right now called the Reading Garden but there is nothing to do with reading in that area. littlefreelibrary.org is link with ideas.

Bench Sale - will continue on from last year.

Random Acts of Kindness - Megan Fleischel and Mary Szyjla are the chairs.

8:40 pm Motion to Adjourn - Mike Cremins, Carolyn Kosiorek *next meeting February 18th at 11:40am*

In attendance:

Mike Cremins, Megan Fleischel, Mary Szyjla, Vicki Berge, Alla Bagryanskaya, Lena Milissis, Andrea Cline, Maureen Hartwig, Donna Katty, Ann Zartman, Dan Walsh, Emily Lech, Carolyn Kosiorek, Mary Maestranzi, Jeanette Korovilas, Monica Wojnicki