

## PTA Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2014

**All Board members present:** Carolyn Kosiorek, Jeannette Korovilas, Monica Wojnicki, Bindu Pithadia, Tina Piraino, Mary Maestranzi

**Call to order:** 7:05 pm

### Introductions

**Motion to approve May minutes:** 1st motion Noreen Hart, Carolyn K 2nd approval

**Principal's report-** Mr. Walsh- thanks to all the volunteers for picture day.

- Mr. Walsh is Franklin rep for Elf; Purpose of Elf: to make money to give it away to our schools. Elf Presentation- "Raising the Emotionally Intelligent Child in Today's Digital World, encourages everyone to go; gives Guidance to handle situations with your children. Elf Casino Night- Jan 24, 2015 largest fundraiser.
- Chrome books have been rolled out; \$30 insurance so kids can take them home. Chrome book university- 9/22, Map testing on Chrome books.
- Next week is safety week, fire drills, tornado drills, and lock down drills. Every adult must have a lanyard- only buzzed in through the front door and go to the office. We have new cameras in the hallways and outside the buildings.

**Assistant Principal:** Introduction to Mrs. Emily Lech; Great start to the year; She has learned from Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Balduf. She has heard great things about Franklin and their families.

**Treasurers Report:** Audit was good and everything was accounted for.

- Budget comparison- Increase budget for walk a thon, franklin fun wear, don't have the expenses from last year. Back to school picnic costs more because of the inflatables.
- Anti-bully campaign- More \$ going towards it
- Increase classroom party budget- to \$6/child

**Teacher Spotlights:** Charlene Boss, Natalie Schuetz, Nancy Sweeney, Barb Glass, Mary McCabe

- Health curriculum; using health magazines, conversation starters, nutrition detectives, Writing: start to learn cursive, learning to print legibly, to learn cursive properly, Math: same as last year, addition strategies, subtraction, problem solving, word problems, rocket math, some multiplications facts, science: life, science, ocean creatures, magnets,
- Social studies- learning map skills, reading, phonics, fluency, comprehension, New way to use technology into the classroom, class made the first e-book. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders loved it and well-reviewed.
- Barb Glass meeting all the new 40 students at franklin- studying the case load and trying to fit in; supporting kids in the classroom instead of pulling them out and disrupt their day. Question

brought up: Many students who speak multiple languages; Are there any services to help with bi-lingual students? The teachers try their best to help. 460 students right now.

**New Business:**

**Communication-** increasing communication to all the parents; push membership, cannot send emails unless they give us them. Memberships contest so they can win free recess. Monica has worked to fix and update website, To be able to utilize Revtrack/web store for payments. We bought at PTA table cloth and runner to make us more visible at all events. Set up Volunteer spot;

**Wellness-** hot lunch at healthy kids kitchen and starts next month. Tuesdays and Thursdays hot lunch and food choices rotates. Kiddie Kingdom pizza provider; Need a better update list system.

**Franklin Fit-** increase activities with the kids outside schools- Donna and Maureen set up activities; teaching Yoga next week. Fitness activity log- fill it out and possible give out prizes.

Thinking about having a walking club; walk through the gym; bead chain necklace and children will get a little foot for their necklaces each time they come.

**Walkathon-** is now in the April 17, 2015

**Adult Social-** Friday, September 19 at Countryside

**Family Fun Night-** Nicole Nieves- Thursday October 30.

**BOE Meeting-** held at Roosevelt on 9/22 7:30

**Donuts with Dad-** Sept 25 8am-8:35 Serving Full size donut and Fruit (to go along with healthy living goals) \*servers needed

**Teacher Night-** Mc Donald's- Oct 15, sign up sheet for teachers- raised about \$1100 last year.

**Anti-bully campaign-** added a budget line, need a chairperson/committee

**Rachel's challenge-** 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Emerson meeting on 9/25 7 pm; Looking in the "Wonder"- about a Chicago family that comes to talk about bullying.

**Sustainability-**new to the district last year; Our Librarian Mrs. Hetzke and from 3rd grade Ms. Sutter: waste free lunches, recycling bins, green ribbon schools; details to come

**Brick Sale-**sell reading garden bricks to raise money for outdoor beautification increased seating around school

**-Service Learning-**new committee that Mrs. Pater came up with. We need a parent volunteer to help organize some volunteering opportunities with student council. We added a budget line for this too. Last year we went to Ronald McDonald House and the children served lunch to the families staying there and brought the schools collections of pop tabs

**Goals for spending-**Parents want to know where their money is going

- Rubber flooring around playgrounds
- Hire someone for Drama Club?
- Grant money spent-Keyboarding without tears pilot for 3rd graders \$175.31
- Kindergarten book shelves?
- More Bike racks?

**Wolves night-** for franklin families; details to come

**Fundraising**

- Kidstuff- books- run the sale for two weeks. Premise is to return the book or buy it. The school keeps all the profits; all local places through the 9/26
- Yankee Candles/Big Event: Wrapping paper/home goods-flyers will go out
- Back to school picnic- was a success
- Red Ribbon Week- Jeanette Korovilas & Cathie Hirsh Oct 27-31; every day of the week we have a different theme.
- Spirit Wear-Will have a new Chairperson
- Restaurant of the Month- Cathie Hirsch and Gina Fadin: Summertime fundraisers; July- Jason's deli- \$64.50, August- Frosty Penguin- \$150. Adult Social?
- Mc Donald's- 10/15 4-7 pm;
- Winterfest- ideas and Chairperson needed Jan. 31

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:33 pm**

**Next Meeting is October 23, 2014- 7 pm**

**Superintendent Dr. Heinz will attend.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Tina M. Piraino & Bindu Pithadia**

**Co-Secretaries**

