

Franklin PTA Meeting – December 8, 2015

Called to order at 6:03. Minutes approved from November.

In attendance: Bryan Traylor, Laura Peterson, Amy Crump, Brooke Running, Keri Taff, Lisa Tyrrell, Claudia Enciso, Wendy Wooth, Melody Johnson, Heidi Herring, Timberly Sitake

Principal Report:

*Looking forward to the Wassail @ 8:30 am K-5, 6th grade invited to be part of the audience. Talking more about the future of making it a community event along with the performance. K-8 event?

*PTA Foundation Donation (see handout) \$12,000 breakdown. There is flexibility between general funds and PTA funds.

* 25 dollar fee for Middle School students is optional but isn't paid by many. Advertise better and give more info so that more parents will know what the money is used for.

*Math Adoption-engage NY-has the resources to challenge higher learners. Still supplement with math facts.

*Access program- should take place late Feb. The goal is to expose students to a cultural performance. Wanting to add more events....Chinese dancing, drumming. Option to charge an admission fee for adults only, all students should be free. If other schools are invited there will be no admission to those students.

Claudia and Tere:

*22 students are interested in Spanish all different level/age/schedule.

*Want to have a meeting with all interested students and parents after winter break. Asking PTA to email about the meeting to both K-5 and 6-8. Let Laura know a day/time.

*Claudia-younger students; Tere- Middle School age

Treasurer's Report, Amy Crump:

*Jog-a-thon was an enormous success! Over \$18,000!

*Greek Fest is coming up!

*Scrip Table numbers look low because a great number that were purchased have not been recorded yet. We helped Wilson Elementary via Rhonda by allowing them to purchase through our account and they paid us back. Fantastic to be able to help! We have a surplus/buffer and that is why we were able to help. They now have their own account.

*November taxes-paid!!

*A generous donation of \$400 was made to Franklin from Benevity. Trying to find out who the donor is so they can be thanked.

*Incorporation-The PTA at Franklin isn't incorporated right now but needs to be to protect the personal assets of the PTA officers. \$50 to apply. Needs to be done in January.

*Request for funds-Special Ed teacher for Middle School, Becky Mitchell is requesting funds for the Dream Box Program for students struggling in math. It is adaptive software and would provide access at school, home and over the summer. 16 licenses for a total of \$400. ***vote to pay* APPROVED** Please get feedback to find out how well it worked and if she liked it.

Fundraising:

*Dine outs- Old Spaghetti Factory earned just under \$300. Give part of the proceeds to 7th grade DC trip. Give to general fund and allow Mrs. Andresen to decide where there is the greatest need.

Next dine out is January 27th, Tuesday night at Sky High.

*Toy Factory-\$50, not good attendance and probably not worth the effort.

*Heidi-box tops- \$456

*Garden Club-Great! Fun! Chaotic! Ended before Thanksgiving. Trying to get more grant money for a watering system. Get teachers involved. About \$500 in the budget.

Moving trees? They will die if moved. Master gardener thinks it is too wet to plant trees now. Double check if they were planted in memory of someone. Woodchip excess.

Eco Schools:

Network throughout the schools. They meet every month. Communicating with other parents who want to make green

changes. Gardens, composting school lunch, no idling in front of the school. Composting lunch waste....bags are expensive probably straight to bins works best. Garfield Ele is working with Allied and figuring out a system. Need parent volunteers to help sort or perhaps utilize middle school students to help and make posters.

New Business:

*French teacher is wanting to back down. Finishing the year unless there is a replacement available soon. New teacher?

*Walk and bike to School Coordinator is needed!!

*Wendy-OBOB- 9 Elementary, 8 Middle

Condensing battles would be easier on teachers, students and volunteers. Needing volunteers to help moderate battles in early February during school...MTTh mornings? Email will be sent with further details. Principal Traylor would certainly help and enjoy it!

*Custodial help for events? 2 Movie Nights, Sock Hop and Bingo would be about \$320 total for the rest of the year. Perhaps we could create a cleaning crew for DC trip students needing to earn money for the trip. Principal Traylor looking into the possibility!

Maybe water only at movie night to prevent sticky, pop floor. Replenish bathroom supplies...need a key to get into the supplies.

Upcoming Events:

*Science Olympiad

*Middle School Dance if enough toys are collected

*DC Bizarre

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.