

Franklin PTA Meeting August 30, 2016
MOC 6:00pm

Attending:

Kim Nelson, Amy Crump, Kathy Lane, Keri Taff, Brooke Running, Stacey Free, Laura Peterson, Alice Nielsen, Joy Ueng

Meeting minutes from end of last school year: approved

Principal gave a thank you for the composting project work.

Interim principal from CHS to take over for Pat Monson while she is out of town. This interim principal will be here for Back to School BBQ and Curriculum Nights.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rio passed away and a check was sent to the family
- Staff Appreciation - after the fact budget change - PTA can vote as a group. There are 4 appreciations during the year. There is flexibility in the budget for the lunch needs. Don't need to vote on it - it's already approved. Last year it paid for a catered meal and some flowers. Might need to vote for some money to replace the budget. Can re-allocate or pull from the General Fund.
- WordlyWise came in at the end of the year. 3/4/5/6 grades are good to go.
- Dow Yeh came in at the end of the year asking for guitars and keyboards. Pat Monson is looking into grants and school district match funding to pay for it. Might be able to use some of the jog-a-thon money for it.
- Technology need - app costs. Does this get covered by the district? Some do but not all. There is a process for the district approved apps. Do all the teachers know this? There is a list of approved apps and it would be an appropriate use of jog-a-thon funds. Is there a school protocol for PTA to help fund apps? It comes out of the School Budget first then requests will be made to the PTA.
- Treasurer's report from July will be e-mailed out.
- 3 checks still coming out of last years fund, one of which has cleared.
- Ready for audit on Thursday 9/1 (Jason Harris, Wendi Gale, Melody Johnson) looking for a 4th person.
- Can we give the auditors something for appreciation? Yes - it will come out of the Hospitality Fund Amy C. will do that.
- Scrip Cabinet - have a few from Baja Fresh, 5th St. Growlers, Retreat (?), Saphora.
- No more scrip after these are sold - not enough return for the effort.
- E-scrip will still co on (article will come out in the newsletter)

This is Wendi Gale's last year doing Welcome Back Tea and Kinder Tea. Alice is refreshing the poster for Kinder Tea.

Welcome back dinner: BlueZone potluck - Charlotte Gallagher is doing something like Laughing Planet. Suggestion is to have everyone bring the ingredients for Bowls (like LP or Yumm). Keri will suggest this to Charlotte. Question - is this inviting to population? The theme is to start the school year off right. Site council mentioned mindfulness and bluezone supports this. There will be a tasting table at the BBQ and Police for bike registration, Girls on the Run and Composting project.

DineOuts - PTA inbox is in the office, teachers' boxes are in the staff room. Items go to Leslie to put in the teachers' boxes. First DineOut is October 4th and 5th at China Delight

Teachers' Lounge if for teachers only. Entrance is need only.

Box Tops - Kristin Reeve PTA made as much as scrip last year and should make more this year.

Garden Club - gardens did wonderfully.

Composting - everyone is on board. Laura Peterson gave a presentation to staff earlier in the week. It went well. She shared the posters that we be going up around the school. Laura will be doing a presentation in classrooms and tours to recruit people. Pat is thinking it would be good for the middle schoolers to take responsibility for it. John Meyer CSD is helping out. Max has been a fabulous supporter. There will be a bit to figure out in getting it all to work. The cafeteria staff still need to be brought up to speed and Pat wants lots of help for them.

Bike Racks - this item is still on the table. Looking at permanent racks and providing more space for bikes. Security is not the top priority at this time (cameras, etc). The new racks will promote biking to school.

Benches - The school was going to buy a couple of benches for the elementary lot last year. Is this still going to happen? Kim will look into it.

Weekly posting of notices - emails need to get to Leslie by 10:00am Mondays to go out in the weekly letter. Newsletters will come out monthly and will be sent through the new school listserv.

Computer lab PTA Space - PTA does use this space monthly to work on checks etc. Question: Can the PTA clear it up a bit and open up space for a couple of part time teachers to use the desk and computer for their classes as they do not have a classroom of their own? Yes Alice will work on getting it cleared up. PTA will still be able to use the area.

Dungeon - Max, Kim, Leslie, et al have been decluttering the space

PTA needs to provide Mara the new 6th grade science teacher with a DOT Cam

Rachel is replacing Marion Anderson while she is on leave.

Do any of the new teachers need training for Core Curriculum? How are we preserving Core Knowledge at Franklin? Might be a good question for Site Council.

Plant boxes outside of the 2nd grade room need to be removed - too hard to water there. PTA will work on that at the next beautification day

Need Friday Folder help. Article will go into the newsletter

6th Grade picnic is happening 8/31. Andy Gallegher is coordinating

PTA reviewed upcoming events. Year at a glance was handed out

Website has been cleaned up and updated. Thank You Keri!

Kim is going to gather write ups on new staff. May be good to have them for all the staff. Keri will put them on the website.

There is a principal's page on the website. The district write up will be posted on it.

All of the Franklin events at a glance need to go on the volunteer sign up page. Joy will work with Laura and Leslie to gather all the information for Keri.

Room Parents - can the PTA get that started earlier this year? Is there a room parent "how to" sheet that needs updating? Lorinda may have a list of old room parents that could provide information.

There will be no more school directory

Teachers can set up phone/email lists for their classes.