

Franklin PTA Meeting November 15, 2016 in Franklin library 6 – 8pm

Attendees: Laura Peterson, Pat Monson, Amanda Scott, Scott Newsham, Alice Nelson, Stacy Free, Melody Johnson, Heidi Herring, George Loper, Wendy Woothtakewabitty, Amy Crump.

Not Attending: Ilene McClelland, Mandy Martin, Kristin Starnes, Paige Hawkinson, Joy Ueng.

October PTA meeting minutes were approved by Heidi Herring, and seconded by Amy Crump.

Principal's Report:

Principal Pat Monson began the discussion, focusing primarily on:

- Student council meetings have started, both on the elementary and middle school level.
- Pro-social behavior, resulting in positive behavior, within Franklin. Laura Peterson asked the question of possible negative affect (specifically, anxiety) being felt by some of the Franklin students, to which Mrs. Monson replied “yes,” Franklin does have students who feel anxious and possibly “unsafe.” Mrs. Monson then offered a possible implementation, or action, of:
  - “Five Minute Flash,” a period of short duration, where students are taught how to be more respectful (further details were not given).
  - The school district would also offer tools for ‘character education’ via the use of student led videos exhibiting positive role-playing. The outcome for such tools would potentially improve the climate within the school.

Amy Crump, the PTA Treasurer, presented the Franklin PTA Expenditures and the Monthly Financial Report. Discussion points include:

- The taxes for Franklin have been filed and are now complete.
- The CT-12 for the Oregon Department of Justice is very near to being submitted. The paperwork is undergoing a lengthy overview so as to assure complete accuracy. The \$50 fee has been allocated for this submission within the general PTA funds.
- An additional fee for the annual yearly report from the Department of Justice will increase by an additional \$25 fee. The fee will be taken from the PTA general funds. Of the eight voting members of the PTA, all approved the increase
- An \$18 increase in insurance premium. Of the eight voting members of the PTA, all approved the increase.
- Additional options, prior to the November insurance renewal date, include an increase in insurance premiums for media liability (a \$140 annual increase), and terrorism insurance, both domestic and international (a \$100 annual increase). There were no questions regarding these additional premiums from PTA members and all members declined both premium increases.

- Minor points discussed regarding revenue, i.e., a small charge for a balloon purchase for use at the Jog-a-thon, and a small increase in funding from Franklin t-shirt sales. The First Alternative Co-op has a fixed donation of \$1000 given quarterly to the Education Foundation, who then allocates funds to local schools based on vote/preference(s) of the Co-op patrons.
- The Veterans Lunch Program, run by the Franklin student government, appears to be successful. The annual fee of \$56 is currently in the PTA general budget.
- Tina Smith made a request for funds, specifically:
  - New headphones with volume controls for the elementary computer lab. The overall cost is \$313.28 (\$9.79 per set, for 32 children overall).
  - Self lit Document Cameras for teachers. Three such cameras are needed at a total cost of \$840 (\$280 per camera).
 Action for both requests: Approved.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

- Spirit Wear has been ordered and will be distributed in the near future.
- Movie Night was a success, with cleanup aided by Mr. Johnson. Possible recruitment of Middle School students to help with cleanup for future Movie Nights.
- October Dine Out at China Delight garnered \$600. The Most recent Dine Out at Evergreen Restaurant has yet to be calculated.
- The Jog-a-thon assembly was addressed by Pat Monson. The upcoming Jog-a-thon assembly maintains a need for volunteers who would aid in motivating students, while also handing out much earned prizes.
- The remaining plant purchases and plantings, connected with the Beautification process, was handled by Brooke Runnings (not in attendance) and Alice Nelson. Recent plantings occurred near the school entrance. Tentative spring plans include planting climbing foliage to block sun exposure near teacher classroom windows. Overspending on plant items has been taken care of with the use of extra funds from the bike rack budget.
- There has been no change in the composting system. Action: Mr. Newsham suggested a 'sustainability steward' under a possible stipend position.
- The after-school Spanish club includes eleven students, one of which is on scholarship. The after-school French club includes five students.
- The walk and bike to school program has been discontinued and is no longer supported by the district.

#### Wendy Woothtakewabitty, in charge of both the Book Fair(s) and OBOB discussed:

- Total monies earned from the first Book Fair include \$2635 in total sales, with a Franklin school profit of \$1474.
- Garfield outreach resulted in the donation of six Spanish books, three additional books purchased with use of donated funds, and a check in the amount of \$15. Resulting findings for outreach include:

- Low turnout for the purchase and donation of Spanish books from Franklin parents to Garfield school.
- Low turnout for donated funds from Franklin parents for Garfield school and their future purchase of Spanish books.
- Possible solution(s)/action for increasing volunteerism and involvement in future book fairs at Franklin may include:
  - Maintaining the first morning opening shift to allow patrons to view the merchandise and to increase excitement/expectancy of products/books, while eliminating remaining morning shifts due to lack of traffic.
  - Incorporating different means/ideas to garner more volunteers to aid in sales.
  - Having an additional PTA member to help run the Spring Book Fair.
  - Improvement in Garfield Outreach remains uncertain.
- OBOB has nine elementary teams, and nine middle school teams, with all grades being represented for those grades participating (4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>).
- Pat Monson suggested a possible additional competition, the "Math Counts Team," delving into competition problem solving.
  - Parent coaches would be needed for the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students involved in the competition.

Melody Johnson, who is in charge of Science Night focused on:

- Overall ideas for Science Night should include items/activities that could be demonstrated, were hands on for the students, and includes a number of differing science-based options.
  - Groups actively involved include Avery House, OSU physics group, and an OSU graduate student who focuses on mechanical dams.
  - Invitations for involvement will be sent to Heidi Herring, in charge of the Garden Club at Franklin, the Robotics Club at the local Corvallis high school, the sanitation department in Monmouth, and a professor in the College of Engineering at OSU.
- Action: Melody invites other PTA members to aid in promotion materials and marketing of this campus wide event.

Old Business:

- Bike Racks have been ordered, including four for the middle school and one for the elementary school. The old bike rack located near the office entrance will be removed. The school district has offered to install the racks upon purchase by Franklin School. Since the cost of the racks was under the set amount of \$2000 and from the building category, the remainder will be discussed for possible allocation to the beautification team.
- Dow Yeh's guitar request was not discussed.

New Business:

- Creation and implementation of a new Franklin school symbol should be painted and installed before the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

- “Budget 101,” held December 7, 8:30-10:00 focuses on assessing the enrichment needs within the school.
- The PTA has asked for volunteers to aid in decorating Kim Nelson’s office space for her Birthday celebration.  
Action: none at this time.
- Scott Newsham, from the Corvallis Public School Foundation, is the acting liaison between the foundation and Franklin school. His purpose is to increase communication between the school and foundation. The board wishes to have more direct contact with Franklin parents, where they may gather information, while also disseminating correct/more accurate information regarding board roles and policies. Mr. Newsham made minor mention of ‘PERS Cloud,’ a liability program, and the ‘Road Ahead,’ an innovation team related bond issue. He focused on 4 key items:
  - An interim position on the school board has become available. He encouraged applications from PTA members.
  - The board is set to vote so as to forego a new superintendent search, and instead extend the current superintendent’s term by an additional three years.
  - The local school Levy has been renewed by voters, with 78% supporting votes, and will remain active until June 2022.
  - Mr. Newsham wishes to host a screening for the video, ‘Most Likely to Succeed.’ The video is aimed at engaging parents to become more involved in the education system. The result would increase the number of innovative graduates better prepared for entrepreneurial ventures.  
Action: He is hopeful that a public screening will be undertaken.