

PTA Meeting Minutes from 11/10/17

In attendance: Amy Crump, Peter Sabee-Paulson, Laura Peterson, Craig Harlow, Stacey Free, Veronica Thompson, Sarah Robertson, Melody Johnson, Alice Nielsen, Shikira Lockette, George Loper, Gerry Kosanovic, Keri Taff

6:02 – Meeting commenced

-Stacey Free motioned to approve last month's meeting minutes; Melody Johnson seconded

Principal's Report:

- November: December mtg present summary of school action plan; drafted by school leadership team
- Conduct emergency lock down drill this month; partner with Corvallis PD; working with district on best way to inform parents
- Set up Twitter account; posted Movie Night pix (CraigHarlow@Franklin_K8)

District Liaison Update; Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, School Board Member (unable to attend; Laura Peterson gave report in his place)

- School Board collaborating with Medford School Board in further exploration, discussion, and training in equity. OSBA (Oregon School Board Association) conference in next week.

Guest Speaker: Gerry Kosanovic PhD, former principal, 2016-2017 7th Grade Washington DC trip volunteer:

- handout: As I See It submitted to Gazette Times about "real world learning" manifested in trip
- Trip is tied in with curriculum and not viewed as an extra-curricular school event; Carol Andresen, Marion Anderson, Denise Wells "wonder women" in making these trips happen; need to pass down their information in order to continue trip.
- Photographs from last year are available on YouTube.
- Prep begins in kindergarten; understanding of government has evolved over K-6 with Core Knowledge curriculum; provides vast understanding of US Government and civics
- Students plan presentation beforehand and present to their peers throughout the week (students become "experts" and give the tours rather than attend tours; sts must keep workbook over week
- Friendships established; admin able to better know students
- Stay in hotel; 3-4 sts per room plus host parent in living area of room; Nancy Meitle shops at Costco daily to provide affordable food
- Walked over 60 miles in one week
- Safety and security of students is foremost
- Fundraising: discussion begins at 6th grade either curriculum night or back to school bbq; sell at events (OSU music performances, farmers market; Fall Festival); craft sales during movie night, after school on Fridays; need communication for success (flyers sent home, emails blasts from office)

- Opt-out: 2-4 students per year opt out due to family reasons. Staff and families from across the school work hard to ensure that financial reasons are not a barrier to participation. All who want to participate do.
- Parent: Teachers, program need support to defend program at district level
- Attrition may be an obstacle as integral teachers retire. Need to communicate with new middle school teachers to determine interest
- Pictures available from Dr. K's experience:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUgvfqYOcVQ> (PS – this is much more than a slideshow!)

Facilities Discussion (Gerry Kosanovic, Phd) – Concerned that in past studies Franklin building was recommended to be replaced; why not this time? Why Hoover at this time and not Franklin. Would like to see new building with expansion to allow double K-5 so recruitment for 6-8 is less of a concern.

Other comments: Hoover has exterior entry making it unsafe; Board is questioning merit of 21st century learning space. Community input at next school board meeting: November 16. Dr. Kosanovic will be presenting his case for a new building for Franklin.

Other comments from Stacey Free: Waiting list depleted; community does not recognize Franklin's value. Parent pulled kids from fear of school being closed. Need District support for Franklin's model and success.

Guest Speaker Shikira Lockette, counselor:

- Helped to organize care pkgs for Hurricane Harvey relief; very thankful for the community effort; would like to repeat effort at a local level near end of school year
- Introduce self: 3rd year at Franklin (first year split time with Hoover); last year full time; this year part time again (9am-2pm) Monday – Thursday
- Miami background for 14 years; mission is to connect home and school
- At Franklin: not therapeutic. Helps with “brief therapy” – problem solving, return to classroom. Works with Trillium services when kids require more time; Franklin gets 2 hours a week on Fridays
- November 21: assembly from all the counselors: Look for Good project: be grateful, look for good in others. Poster where students can add stickies for what they're grateful for (ongoing in all district schools)
- October (bullying prevention month); honored it last year, did not this year but will address it in December. Noticed last year more kids were proactive in speaking up against aggressive peers.
- If you know a parent with concerns about bullying, please approach Shikira or Mr. Harlow
- Goal to make school safe place
- Would like to a career day; would need resources, community manpower for speakers (fire truck, other careers). Please contact Shikira with suggestions:
Shikira.Lockette@corvallis.k12.or.us

Treasurer's Report:

October revenue: \$573 from Burgerville (15% instead of the usual 10% they donate because of amazing turnout); \$41.68 from Scrip and Market of Choice (\$30 from Market of Choice alone)

Please sign up through www.escrip.com. Tell grandparents, tell your friends.

October expenses: \$2352.49 total (from September funding requests: rug, isokinetic cushions, childcare from curriculum night and PTA meetings; insurance; midvalley reading program; beautification, remaining back to school bbq receipts) (\$484 remaining in technology fund)

One funding requests:

Parent Sonal Shetty: Math Counts club Wednesday afternoons; 14 middle school participants. Would like to attend February competition. \$35 per child to attend tournament. Parent has already personally paid for (4) students; would like to take more. Requesting PTA to provide scholarships for up to (6) students (\$210). Cheldelin does this as well and has a \$300 budget. Could we approve \$105 to provide a 50% scholarship (from new programs)? Peter Sabee Paulsen's company North Jackson Company can match funds. 10 present; 10 voted to approve.

Amy Crump: Hurricane Harvey relief fund. Shipping cost: \$300. Voted to approve reimbursing Amy Crump and tabled determining funding source until after Jogathon funds are collected.

Standing Committee Reports:

Dine Outs (Brooke Running not present; Amy Crump provided update): upcoming November China Delight is cancelled due to scheduling unexpected maintenance; will hope to reschedule. December will be Dutch Bros.

Beautification (Brooke Running and Alice Nielsen not present; Amy Crump provided update); two new Wilco planters near office entrance. Looks beautiful. <https://franklin.csd509j.net/franklin-site-beautification-day/>

Languages: Due to low participation Spanish Club has been suspended. Will try again after new year.

OBOB (Wendy Woothtakewahbitty not present; Amy Crump presented) Oregon Battle of the Books; for 4th-8th graders; teams are now established; teams will read 16 books, then battle to compete with other teams. Battles begin in February; practice questions have been sent to families. <https://franklin.csd509j.net/battle-of-the-books/>

Spirit Wear: (Laura Peterson) Family order form has been distributed and deadline extended to November 17. Staff order form will be distributed this week. All staff will receive polo or shirt.

Friday Folders: (Mandy Martin not present; Amy Crump presented) will start including additional packet for teachers' benefit.

Middle School Dance: Tina Smith and Amy Crump are beginning to plan a middle school dance for late April/May. More details to come.

Middle School Directory: Elementary class families are able to communicate well with each other but incoming 6th grade families are not finding it easy to reach out to each other. Tina Smith is building a middle school directory (voluntary; opt in) to enable better communication between families.

Old Business:

Book Fair: (Mandy Martin not present; Amy Crump presented) Ended today. Went well.

Movie Night: low attendance probably due to Halloween that week. Children enjoyed movie.

Jogathon (Jasmin Woodside not present; Amy Crump provided update): pledges due tomorrow (Nov 8)

New Business:

Open Positions (Secretary)

Direct Donation Button – Mountain View uses it for Jogathon. Tailored for each child; funds go directly to Franklin PTA via PayPal. Feedback was positive; Amy will look into.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

11/8 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon

11/9 – Veteran’s Lunch

12/4 – Dental/Vision Screening

12/5 – Dutch Bros Dine Out

12/12 – PTA Meeting, Franklin library, childcare available 6:00-7:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm