

PTA Meeting Minutes from 10/10/17

In attendance: Amy Crump, Peter Sabee Paulson, Keri Taff, Joy Ueng, Wendy Woothtakewahbitty, Brooke Running, Mandy Martin, Laura Peterson, Craig Harlow, Stacey Free, Tina Smith, Rachael Van Fleet, Brandy Stoffel, Veronica Thompson, Melody Johnson, Ivy Snyder, Sarah Robertson, Laura Weldon, Marganne Huang, Brooke Cook, Troy Brandt, Sami Al-AbdRabbuh

6:05 – Meeting commenced

-Stacey Free motioned to approve last month's meeting minutes; Laura Peterson seconded

Principal's Report:

- October 23rd, 6:30-8pm – Facilities Planning Meeting at Franklin
- Conferences coming up 10/26-10/27

District Liaison Update; Sami Ab-dRabbuh, School Board Member

Long Range Facilities Planning meetings are taking place during October at each school site. Franklin's will be October 23 from 6:30-8pm. All are welcome to attend; families with students attending Franklin as well as community members

- Details for bond include: upcoming May 2018 ballot; approximately \$2/\$1,000 of home's assessed value; goal is to upgrade facilities with student safety at forefront; every school will see improvements; eliminating portables; planning for separation between cafeteria and gym at most elementary schools; possible new elementary school to replace Lincoln in south Corvallis; MS & HS to receive CTE (Career & Technical Education)-related updates
- Board has not yet voted on bond; will do so in January after public comment period has passed
- Goal of site-based meetings in October is to seek specific input and questions from community so please attend if interested.
- Full draft plan available at the district website:
<https://www.csd509j.net/departments/facilities-and-maintenance/long-range-planning/facilities-planning-committee/>
- If unable to attend Oct. 23 meeting but would like to provide input, please email comments to Kim Patten, Director of Facilities and Transportation at kim.patten@corvallis.k12.or.us, or a Board member: <https://www.csd509j.net/about-us/school-board/meet-school-board/>

School Board is developing its long term vision to ensure budgets, policies, etc. are in line with goals and strategies. Five goals: Student achievement; Equity; Real world learning; Health and wellness; LRFP to ensure buildings uphold goals and strategies. There will be opportunity for public input at Board meetings. For more information, see the minutes from the last Board meeting:

<https://www.csd509j.net/about-us/school-board/school-board-meetings/>

Guest Speaker: Shikira Lockette

Shikira Lockette, counselor at Franklin was unable to attend. Amy Crump spoke on her behalf. Two upcoming drives: This week lightweight hygiene and school supplies are being collected for

hurricane relief (drive ends Friday, Oct. 13); the second will be a drive for Puerto Rico. Franklin has an 8th grader whose family lives in Puerto Rico. More details to come.

Treasurer's Report:

September revenue: \$399.36 from the Benefit app, Market of Choice, and \$340 from membership that will pass through

September expenses: \$632.90 total: \$496.59 for community building (back to school bbq) and \$136.31 for OBOB registration fee and Arabic books for kindergarten classroom. An additional \$280 is slated for the purchase of another doc cam per last month's approval. Dine out funds from Burgerville have not been received yet; many thanks to all the staff who helped out that evening. Burgerville staff was impressed with the turnout and enthusiasm.

Five funding requests:

- 1) Isokinetic cushions – Requested by third grade teacher Mrs. Wilson; set of 32 at \$12 each plus shipping comes to approximately \$415. Funds would come from newly created Classroom Supply budget; would need to vote to approve moving money from surplus in general fund. **Approved: 17 yes, 0 no**
- 2) Student Government led by fifth grade teacher Ms. Hawkinson is requesting funds to cover lunches for invited guests for Veteran's Day. The PTA has budgeted for this annual request and a vote is not necessary. **Approved: 17 yes, 0 no**
- 3) New first grade teacher Ms. Eby has requested a classroom rug. Cost is \$469 plus \$70 S/H for a total of \$539. Funds would come from Classroom Supplies budget; would need to vote to approve moving money over from surplus in general fund. **Approved: 14 yes, 2 no**
- 4) Midvalley Council reading book program: Mrs. Free and 7-8 other staff members would like to represent Franklin for its first year participating in this program. This is a nationwide organization that reads 600-700 titles over a few months in order to vote for the best ones for use in the classroom. Upon voting, the titles will be distributed to the members (proportionately, depending on percentage read). By participating, Franklin stands to gain a large number of books for its library and classroom use. Funds requested are \$100 plus \$35 per teacher for a total of \$380-\$415 for 8-9 participants. Funds would come from New Programs and would require a vote. **Approved: 14 yes, 1 no**
- 5) Reflex math facts app program for iPads: Marganne Huang, RTI specialist (response to intervention) and MS algebra teacher found a grant to support implementing the Reflex app in January 2017. She thoroughly researched the app and it has shown to effectively raise math scores in many schools and districts. Funding request is for 60 licenses at \$35 each for a total of \$2100 and would provide enough licenses for fourth graders in order to master math facts as they prepare for more complicated math and to give each student in the RTI program access. Feedback since beginning its use in January is that the students love it, it's fun and hard to step away from, and the mastery of math facts is improving. Funds would come from Technology budget and would require a vote. Much discussion ensued before voting; approving apps of this cost is not sustainable for the PTA, nor will it always be possible for PTAs to fund supplemental curriculum depending on the new Fundraising Policy from the District. Additionally, parents would like to see greater funding for engaging, effective apps at the District level, while still allowing each school the flexibility to fund particular apps requested by teachers. **Approved: 15 yes, 1 no**

Despite information to the contrary in the spring, our insurance rates have increased from \$375 annually to \$414. A vote by hand approved the increase.

Franklin benefits from many fundraisers. Each meeting the PTA will highlight a different way for families to contribute. Shopping at the First Alternative Co-op and mentioning Franklin will increase our percentage as they divide their quarterly donations to participating non-profit organizations. Next time you shop at the Co-op, mention Franklin to increase our percentage!

Standing Committee Reports:

Back to School BBQ – very well attended. Many thanks to the organizers.

Movie Night: (Tara Thomas and Amy Crump) Ponyo on November 3; water, free popcorn, affordable treats and cutie mandarins will be available for purchase; all ages welcome; NOT a drop off event.

Sock Hop: Currently have one new family who is willing to coordinate, but actively looking for a veteran family to help out! Please see Amy Crump if you are interested in helping with either event.

Dine Outs (Brooke Running not present; Amy Crump provided update): Wednesday, October 18, 12-8pm; YES flyer needed; will come home in Friday folders. To find flyer online: <https://franklin.csd509j.net/october-dine-out/>

Box Tops (Kristin Reeve and Jasmin Woodside not present; Amy Crump provided update): BoxTops due this Friday, 10/13. Can submit via sheet or baggie with clipped BoxTops.

Jogathon (Jasmin Woodside not present; Keri Taff provided update): October 20; great volunteering experience; pledge forms went home last week. Hoping to raise \$35 per family (not per child) in order to meet goal. Highest earner in each grade will receive a large prize; 7/8 grade combined.

Garden Club (Heidi Herring not present; Amy Crump provided update): Began last week.

Beautification (Brooke Running and Alice Nielsen not present; Amy Crump provided update); front of school looks great; additional plans for back of school coming soon. <https://franklin.csd509j.net/franklin-site-beautification-day/>

Languages: Claudia Enciso and Elisa Street will be hosting Spanish. No other language clubs available through the PTA at this time. \$80 for 8 sessions; Mondays 2:30-3:30 in art room. Information available on website: <https://franklin.csd509j.net/afterschool-spanish/>

OBOB (Wendy Woothtakewahbitty) Oregon Battle of the Books; for 4th-8th graders; develop teams and read 16 books, then battle to compete with other teams. Battles begin in February; teams are forming now. <https://franklin.csd509j.net/battle-of-the-books/>

Popcorn Friday, Keri Taff: Had first Popcorn Friday. Elementary kids loved receiving it at no charge; MS paid \$.25. Everyone happy.

Spirit Wear: (Laura Peterson) Confirmed details with supplier and Mr. Harlow; will get order form out soon.

Friday Folders: (Mandy Martin) all is fine

Food for Schools: (Keri Taff) This meeting was sponsored by Garfield Elementary and held at the public library on Monday, 10/9 to bring up the discussion of the food being served in the schools in our district. District personnel were also in attendance. Highlights: some schools do recess before lunch to give kids more time to eat; Adams has extended their lunch period to 30 minutes; suggestion to have apple slicers available in order to better enable students to eat more fruit. A summary and more details at the next PTA meeting.

Old Business:

Bark Trail (Laura Peterson) Mr. Harlow has received approval from the District and CHS to use the large field and would like student council to be involved in the planning process. Rachael Van Fleet heads up student council and has agreed to work with her group. Brandy Stoffel and Troy Brandt both volunteered to help; Ms. Stoffel is a general contractor and can help with supplies or installing a bench; Mr. Brandt offered his drone for use and can help students input the images into a program to assist with planning.

New Business:

Volunteer sign ups

Open Positions (Sock Hop)

Long Range Facilities (Oct 23)

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

10/18 – Dine Out at Baja Fresh, 12-8pm, FLYER REQUIRED (<https://franklin.csd509j.net/october-dine-out/>)

10/20 – Jog-a-thon

10/23 – Long Range Facilities Meeting at Franklin 6:30-8:00 pm

10/30 – RESCHEDULED School picture retakes

11/2 – 11/7 – Scholastic Book Fair

11/3 – Movie Night 7-9pm

11/9 – PTA Meeting, Franklin library, childcare available 6:00-7:30pm