

PTA minutes 2/13/17

In attendance: Amy Crump, Sami Al-AbdRabbah, Rachael Van Fleet, Terri, Troy Brandt, Stacey Free, Peter Sabee-Paulson, Keri Taff, Sarah Robertson, Melody Johnson

6:03 Meeting commenced.

January meeting minutes will be approved at next month's meeting.

District liason update: Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, School board member

- School board passed vote to put the facilities bond up to voters; about \$200 million for upgrades and reconstruction
- Next step is for the school district to file a statement with the election's office
- A political action committee (PAC) will form and advocate for the bond
- The PTA can make a statement to endorse the bond in the voter's pamphlet
- Election will be held in May
- The bond will be for \$1.98 per \$1,000 of assessed property value; the average homeowner will pay \$35-37 per month (based on average house value of \$240,000)
- If it passes, the new bond would be shared with the current bond which ends in 2020
- Franklin's allocation will include updates and projects, including asbestos removal. Sami will let us know when he knows more
- Other issues:
 - The school board is looking into hiring a sustainability coordinator
 - Also looking at ways to increase food service options for students with special dietary needs – currently parents need to advocate for their children

Principal's report: Mr. Harlow

- Thank you to the PTA and Melody Johnson for such a successful science night and sock hop
- March 6 is the Franklin information night for prospective families
 - 20 minute general presentation
 - Kindergarten specific
 - Open house feel; can tour the school and classrooms and meet teachers
 - How can we better advertise this?
 - Email, Franklin website, other schools' newsletters, fence banner, request to post on the school district website
 - Can we be represented at the district middle school information night that is held at Linus Pauling?
 - Important to have Franklin represented

Treasurer's report: Peter Sabee-Paulson

- Box tops: \$500+
- Dutch Bros dine out: \$124
- These put us over our expected revenues
- No new spending last month
- We are selling more popcorn to middle schoolers since doing away with the yearly popcorn pass
- Proposal for a speaker:
 - Katherine Roy, author and illustrator
 - Speaks about what it's like to be an author, how she does her drawings
 - She charges \$350
- Other ideas were brainstormed for possible jog-a-thon rewards for reaching our goal

- Brad's reptiles
- Would like other ideas
- Funding request for screening the movie Screenagers presented by Amy Crump
 - Laura Peterson has been working with a parent leadership group, Leaf Gifford, with leaders from each school
 - They have an opportunity to screen the movie Screenagers for \$600 at the CHS auditorium, with each PTA contributing \$50
 - The movie targets mature 7th graders and up
 - Addresses issues including cell phone addictions, social media, awareness in sending photos and watching which words people use
 - Talked about having a discussion panel after the movie and including Q&A with people such as a child psychologist, OSU professor of communications
 - It would be helpful to continue the conversation after the screening
 - Have a round table discussion a couple weeks later as a follow-up
 - Have a classroom discussion where the kids might feel more open to sharing
 - Could do an anonymous questionnaire similar to what is done on Impact Day
 - Some money for this would be available in new programs
 - Stacey Free made a motion to approve the funding request and it was seconded by Melody Johnson
- About \$30 each month is being spent on snacks that are kept in the office for kids coming in to the office hungry (about a dozen kids)

Leadership team update: Troy Brandt

- The leadership team has been working on an information brochure promoting Franklin school
- Will be distributed to other schools and on Franklin information night
- Discussed what makes Franklin special and what should be included in the brochure:
 - Homework requirement and reasoning for keeping the requirement
 - Emphasize that class size is not smaller, but overall school size is much smaller, especially for giving the middle school students a community feeling
 - Higher code of conduct and behavior expectations
 - Keri presented a flyer from another school with a visually appealing layout for giving statistics about the school; spotlighting wins and participation in activities like science Olympiad, OBOB, student government, honors art, track and field at Linus Pauling, band, etc.
 - Needs to be completed by Feb. 23rd
 - Costs:
 - SP&B charges \$235 for 500 copies
 - There is an HP parent who tests copy machines and has done lots of copying for free in the past

Standing committee reports:

Community building:

- Sock hop: stayed at budget and was fantastic
- Movie night and science night: wonderful!
- Next movie night: March 9, Moana
- Staff Luncheon: organized by Brandy Stoffel, March 7, will be Yumm bowls, signups go out this Friday
- Dine Outs: China Delight, Feb 27th and 28th, need to mention Franklin

Special Programs:

- Garden Club: off for the winter
- Beautification: organized by Alice Nielsen and Brooke Running
 - Planning on removing stumps from the south and east sides of the building
 - Can we have the lawn mowed before information night?
 - There is a native plant marketplace, which is a cheap way to obtain plants
 - Shonnard's may be willing to donate supplies to the garden club/beautification
- Spanish Club: There are 11-12 students that meet Monday afternoons and enjoying it
- OBOB:
 - Both elementary and middle school teams currently have battles going on
 - Regional tournaments March 10 and 17
 - Currently have seven volunteers and could use more
 - Christy Kemper Hedge wants to start 1-2 middle school OBOB book clubs, starting Feb 27 during the last period of school
- Popcorn Friday: kids love it
- Usborne Book Fair: very successful, the Usborne rep would like to do another one next year
- Bark Trail: Considering doing a gravel trail instead; more expensive up front cost but more lower maintenance longer term

Other:

- Student Government: kids are very involved
- Spirit Wear: there will be another order in the spring
- Middle School Dance: Will happen in April

Old Business:

- Middle School Directory: Jeff at HP will be printing it soon. A PDF already went out to middle school families

New Business:

- Healthier school meals
 - The Garfield co-PTA president is leading an initiative for better food options
 - Two representatives from each school are invited to provide input
 - Previous survey result suggestions included no chocolate milk or juice, better options, less food wasted, more food preparation at each school rather than at one main location
 - Acknowledge that the district is trying to make a lot of their food and source locally
 - Talk of having recess prior to lunch; other schools doing this have reported very positive results

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- Feb 27th and 28th China Delight Dine Out
- March 1st Hearing Re-screening (K, 1, 3)
- March 5th-9th Classified Staff Appreciation Week
- March 7th Third Quarter Staff Appreciation Lunch
- March 9th Movie Night, Moana

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm