

PTA minutes 8/28/18

In attendance: Craig Harlow, Amy Crump, Rachael Van Fleet, Laura Peterson, Brooke Running, Heidi Herring, Brandy Stoffel, Stacey Free, Sarah Robertson

6:16 Meeting commenced.

Rachael Van Fleet moved to approve last month's minutes, Laura seconded.

Principal's Report:

- Staff changes: 12 new staff members
 - Middle school science- John Trimble
 - Middle school math/literacy- Kayla K.
 - Middle school social science/technology- Jaime Luke
 - Elementary music- Betty Phillips
 - Special education- Sharon Abyss
 - Counselor- Barbara Siriani
 - Speech- Linda Endo
 - Student teachers in Mrs. Free and Mrs. Winograd's classrooms
 - New lunchroom staff
 - Library- Sarah Jurenek
 - New EA's- Rachael Rude, Collin Carthower, Lindsay Dunn
- New reading curriculum for elementary: Collaborative Classroom
 - Vocabulary rich, with listening and writing components
 - Individualized reading at student's own level
 - One style for grades K-2, another for grades 3-5
 - Encourages critical thinking without pushing any agendas
- New health curriculum
- New middle school science curriculum
 - iPad based
- 8th grade will have a 7th period STEM class with Mr. Trimble, along with plans for a maker's space lab
- Open house next Tuesday, September 4th
 - 12-1 pm for students and families new to Franklin, includes school tour, Q&A, and a gym activity
 - 1-2 pm for all students and families to meet teachers
- Walking path is open!
 - 0.178 mi loop
 - Dedication celebration will be September 10th at 11 or 12, Troy Brandt will get a photograph of students from his drone, and kids will take a ceremonial lap to celebrate
- Washington, D.C. trip:
 - This is a transition time for the trip, since several key coordinators of the trip have retired. These former staff members are still willing to help, but some adjustments will probably need to be considered.

Treasurer's Report

- \$35,000 balance at the start of the current fiscal year, which began July 1, even with the \$10,000 donation to last year's Washington, D.C. trip
- \$534 carryover from several years ago for technology
- \$43 income from rewards
- There will be a more formal treasurer's report in September
- New accounting software this year: Money Minder, which is designed for non-profits and will cost about \$130 per year
- Still interested in doing some sort of core knowledge training
 - Catherine Kudo a possibility, former core knowledge consultant

President's Report:

- Amy passed out PTA volunteer jobs needed and a school year events calendar

Standing Committee Reports:

- Back to school tea, first day of school, organized by Keri Taff
- Box tops will be led by Matilda Attalla
- Jog-a-Thon will be coordinated by Jasmin Woodside, and she would like to have someone work with her so they can take over for next year

New Business:

- Curriculum night change:
 - Will combine elementary and middle school this year
 - Want to accentuate how it is a K-8 school
- There is a school board position open
 - Deadline to apply is September 15
- Request for people to lobby the school board for construction of a separate gym for Franklin
- Funding requests:
 - Stacey Free:
 - Would like to participate in the book reading review program she and a group did last year that earns books for Franklin
 - Will cost about \$600 for a larger group of teachers participating compared to last year
 - PTA voted to approve
 - Zach Bryant/Paige Hawkinson:
 - Wordly Wise vocabulary/spelling workbooks
 - \$652.16
 - PTA voted to approve

Upcoming Events:

- September 4th: Open house for new families, 12-1 pm
- September 4th: Open house for returning families, 1-2 pm

- September 5th: First day of school, welcome back tea, 8 am
- September 11th: PTA meeting, 6-8 pm, Franklin library
- September 14th: Back to school picnic, Science Olympiad parent info
- September 25th: Curriculum night, elementary 6-7 pm, middle school 7-8 pm
- September 25th: Washington, D.C. informational meeting, 8:00-8:30 pm
- September 28th: Picture day
- October 2nd: Dine out at DiMaggio's pizza
- October 9th: PTA meeting, 6-8 pm, Franklin library
- October 12th: Jog-a-Thon

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.