

Ben Franklin PTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11th, 2024

Presiding: Lindsey Lunn

Members Present: 27

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Lindsey Lunn at 12:03pm.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Murdock

- Thankful for all of the recent donations and support.
- Parent Info Night and Grandparents Day had a really great turnout.
- BragTags: Every student will get one and throughout the year students will be able to earn more for behavior, STAAR, Field Day, etc. This won't be based only on academics but all character traits, etc. Mrs. Murdock is using principal wishlist money to fund this. You will know when your kid is getting an award so that you can be present for them receiving the award. This will take place at lunchtime. There is a new bell that will be rang when a student gets an award.
- Grade Level T-Shirts: Janee will get this ball rolling. Parents will need to purchase a grade level shirt for their kids for field trips, etc.
- BIG CHANGE: 3rd Grade is getting another teacher. This starts Monday, September 16th. Teachers are diligently working on splitting up current classroom rosters.
- Playgrounds are about to be locked from the outside at all times. Teams that practice on the fields, etc will no longer be able to do so. This has to be done as part of our safety program.
- We are getting a new playground piece to replace a piece that is ancient. It's going to be a rockclimbing piece, etc. The next step is to do more playground updates. More info to come. District will give us some funds and we hope to do a campaign to raise more funds.
- ParentSquare calendar is coming. Sept 27th: No School. Oct 7th & 8th: Parent Teacher Conferences - No School. Red Ribbon Week Oct 28th - Nov 1st. Graphic with days and details coming. November 4th - 8th: Book Fair. November 7th: Literacy Bingo Night.
- The Lion's Den is needing some things: mini deodorant, shampoo and body wash, standard dress, bras, new boys underwear, used halloween costumes, etc.

President's Report: Lindsey Lunn

- Venmo: @PTAFranklin
- TShirt sales went great! First day of school and Parent Info Night. Already ahead on shirts. BroCro added where you could sponsor shirts and we have money there to be able to do that. The margins on the shirts: dri fit was marked up \$2 and long sleeve

- \$4. The shop is open - it closes on the 19th. Sweatshirts and long sleeves are on there.
- Hospitality Back to School Lunch went really great. This came out of the Hospitality budget this year. Teacher wishlists are on the website. If you wish to donate money that was typically donated for the Back to School Hospitality event, please consider purchasing something from your Teacher's Wishlist.
 - Grandparents Day went great! Great turnout!
 - Amplify workbook help was so appreciated!
 - Franklin Gazette. This is the first year for a student ran newspaper. We are hoping this will help with Yearbook pictures, etc. The students are taking pictures for the newspaper.
 - Literacy Night. PTA will be helping with this out of special events money. More details on this to come.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Harper

- Just a reminder that the money we raised last year goes towards this year.
- Principal Wishlist expenses line was added.
- Reimbursement form is available online.
- We have a venmo. @PTAFranklin

Committee Reports:

1. 1st Vice President, Homeroom Parties and Membership: Liz Hamilton
 - Parties will be different this year. There will be a point person (homeroom mom) and then moms that would like to volunteer with purchasing, etc. Parties will be a grade level effort this year. Each room will be something and the kids will rotate. We are trying to spread the love. Kinder will not rotate. They will stay in the Cafeteria but other grades will rotate. Emails will be sent out with all of this info.
 - Copy Mom is in full swing. There is way less to copy with Amplify.
2. 2nd Vice President, Publicity & Programs and Translator: Jacklyn Hoover
 - Happy to help however she can.
 - She will be doing a quarterly newsletter.
3. 3rd Vice President, Fundraising: Regan Nabors
 - They are doing a few new things and old things that have always worked. Read-a-Thon is the most exciting thing for teachers because it gets kids to read. Nov 6th - Nov 20th. We are going to have at least two \$1 dress days. Chuck E Cheese night in Oct. Date TBD. We are going to do the Candy Cane Gram for a fundraiser in Dec. Every child will at least get one (from their teacher). PTA will pay for it. We will have stickers and croc charms this year and maybe some other spirit things. They will be selling at different events. We will do a Jason's Deli Day / Night. We will do Coin Wars in the Spring again. Ping Pong Drop. Instead of selling raffle tickets they are going to sell

ping pong balls. Someone will come out and drop ping pong balls into buckets to win things. Something new and fun! We want to raise as much money as possible while including the kids.

4. Fundraising Committee: Jessi Smith, Suzan Bibb, Whitney Thio, Julia Lamberth, Natalie Elyea, Danielle Wilson
5. Secretary: Whitnee Harris
 - No Report
6. Parliamentarian: April White
 - No Report
7. Yearbook: Janee Hill
 - No Report
 - thefranklinyearbook@gmail.com
8. Hospitality: Janell Stewart, Lauren Cobb, Brittany Cardona
 - They will be doing special events and stocking the lounge, etc. They are stocking the lounge for Sept. Oct will be a Popcorn Bar. Dec will be Cookies and a hot chocolate bar.
 - They are in need of storage bins as they are having rodent issues.
9. T-Shirt Coordinators: Mandy Spring, KJ Mowrey, Caroline Boyd
 - Lindsey reported for them above.
10. Friends of Franklin: Julie Anna Hammett, Heather Cremeens, Callie Woodley, Jessica Lukert, Kim Parker
 - No Report
11. NTCCPTA & Site Team Rep: Amy Ketner, Jessica Borton
 - Meeting is on Sept 19th
12. Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Berry
 - Sent link to sign up to be a Volunteer in GroupMe.
 - Will help get people added to GroupMe.
13. Popcorn Coordinator: Wendi McBride, Shannon Gentry
 - Popcorn machine is getting cleaned.
14. Franklin Fathers: Matt Hoover
 - They will be communicating with the moms and let the moms pass the information on to the dads to help with communication.

- They are going to start doing lunch duty on Fridays. Mrs. Murdock mentioned that they will ALWAYS take lunch help.

Announcements:

- Friday, Sept 13th: 8:30am Freedom at Franklin on the lawn
- Friday, Sept 27th: Student Holiday
- Wednesday, Oct 9th: PTA Meeting @ Noon in the Library
- Thursday, Nov 7th: Literacy Night
- PTA Programs: Oct 24th - 2nd Grade, Dec 5th - 3rd Grade, Feb 6 - 1st Grade, Apr 3 - Kinder @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.