

Ben Franklin PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2025

Time: 12:05 PM – 12:48 PM (30 in attendance)

Location: Franklin Elementary School Library

Celebrations

- **Good Things:** Shared by Mandy Spring
- **Volunteers of the Month:**
 - Jessica Borton- tshirts
 - Principal Murdock (recognized for positivity)

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Reports & Updates

Principal's Report (Mrs. Murdock):

- Blue Bonnet math curriculum fully implemented; it should run as smoothly as Amplify soon.
- Testing underway for 5th graders (math & science). Some internet issues occurred but were resolved.
- Parade scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 PM. Tailgating at the CDC building under the Franklin tent.
- Franklin is seeking a PE paraprofessional.
- Grandparent breakfast went well with fewer complaints this year.

President's Report (Carolyn):

- New PayPal account set up (separate from Venmo/personal accounts).
- Membership dues increased from \$5 → \$6. Payment options: Apple Pay, Venmo, PayPal.
- \$50 teacher supply fund distributed at the start of the year.
- A new reimbursement form has been created to streamline distribution.
- PTA website now hosted on Wix (\$9/ month increase for full version).

Elizabeth Hamilton:

- Apologized for the email delay about room moms. Volunteer lists organized by grade/class.
- Contacting mothers regarding assignments.
- Party dates:
 - Halloween: Oct. 31 (2:30–3:30 PM; setup at 2 PM)
 - Valentine's: Feb. 13 (2:30–3:30 PM; setup at 2 PM)
- Kindergarten parties are always in the cafeteria.
- Teachers without room moms: Ms. Berry, Miss Anderson, Ms. Voltenia, Ms. Baukins.

Jacklyn Hoover:

- Reported ParentSquare has been very effective for communication.

Fundraising:

- **Lion Loops:** Sept. 15–19 (\$5 for free dress within school dress code guidelines).
- **Bingo for Books:** Proposed for Nov. 25.

- **Read-a-thon:** Credits usable at Santa Shop; credits can be added to student fundraising goals.
- **Spring:** Restaurant night fundraisers are being planned.

Santa Shop (Susan Bibb):

- Items are priced mostly \$5 or less (some up to \$12).
- Inventory will be increased by 20%, providing a small fundraising benefit.
- Scheduled Dec. 15–19 in the library; volunteers needed.
- Miss McCartney will lock up the shop daily.
- Teachers may receive loyalty gifts (mini fridge, ice cream machine, etc.).
- Students may shop multiple times during the week.
- Additional fundraiser opportunity: **MINTED Christmas Cards** – the customers get 20% off, and Franklin Elementary receives 10% of all purchases

Sponsorships (Julie Anna):

- Sponsorship forms are due Oct. 1 (to allow banner production).
- Encouraged members to reach out to friends/family business owners for support.

Box Tops/Receipt Scanning (Amy Dobbins):

- Receipts scanned by September 14 earn a \$15 bonus per person with the Franklin referral code.
- QR code shared via PTA GroupMe.

Hospitality Committee:

- September: The teacher lounge is cleaned and stocked with snacks.
- October: Candy apple bar planned.

- November: Pie & coffee cart planned.

Facilities Update (Murdock):

- Mrs. Adam's office relocated further from the main office, making the lounge more central & safer.
- Reported increased productivity in the new office.
- Two new spaces are now available for staff lounging.

Tailgate/Events (Kellie Cannedy):

- Popcorn machine cleaned and ready for tailgate.

Training & Membership (Amy):

- Mrs. Pando led strong DenCrew training (tutorial video + in-person session).
- 17 new PTA members; 35 interested in DenCrew.

T-Shirts Coordinators:

- Total sales: \$4,197 | Profit: \$3,403.
- Current order being printed; distribution expected next week.
- New fall order opening soon.
- Online store (on PTA website) will sell remaining inventory throughout the year (limited by size availability).

Next Meeting

- **Date:** October 8, 2025
- **Time:** 12:00 PM

Meeting adjourned: 12:48 PM