

Minutes: FR PTO Board Meeting
12/13/22
F/R PTO Meeting: 5:30 – 6:45

Attendees: Ann Sydnor, John Wallace, Emily Powers, Colleen Manner, Mickey Willis, Sara Levin, Colleen Moss, Christina Hanzlik, Erin McMillan, Ashley Russel, Mary Rihani, Claudia Santana

Call to order – 5:38. November Meeting Minutes – Colleen Motion to approve November Minutes. Erin Seconds. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Claudia. Total income as of today \$5,590.96

Principal Updates:

John Wallace / Randall: Popcorn Fridays continues. Directories have been delivered and everyone is excited. Spelling Bee coming up. 3rd grade music concert coming up. Working with the city of Madison to install a Gaga Pit – City is coming up with the lion's share of funding. Grant is for \$1,000 and city will contribute \$5,000 – \$6,000. Will be in the 3rd grade area. Substitute teachers have been amazing – would love to give them something from Principal's fund.

Emily Powers / Franklin: Things are busy at Franklin. Students have been having celebrations of learning – recently completed second unit of literacy curriculum. Launching into second content areas. 2nd grade: Dinosaurs, 1st grade: Planets. Lots of excitement, joy, and new facts. After winter break, planning a school-wide students vs teachers basketball game. Will be very fun for students and teachers. Kids were so excited about the snow and enjoying the snow hill and shoveling.

Parking Fundraiser summary: This year we raised around \$400 more per game because of volunteer Doug Noot focusing on spacing – cannot count on this number each year as volunteers come and go. Raised \$31,207 total. Average \$4,458 per game. Hawthorn and Shank will each get approximately \$3,900. Mary Cidel is principal at Van Hise – she has helps coordinate the Title 1 recipients.

Fall Fundraiser Summary: Total \$13,175 which is GREAT! We set a goal of \$20,000 – but it's just a goal and we are doing fine. Number may go up if Employer matches come through. Prior years yielded, 17K and 23K. Reasons why?

- perhaps they just kept extending the end date.
- We have also had declining enrollment with fewer families
- Has heard that locally, donation have been way down for all charities across the city
- Some families made significant donations and perhaps they have aged out of F/R
- One family contributed every paycheck, and they aged out this year (\$1,800)
- Pretty big boost in December after the deadline, so this is good to note for cut-off date

Mickey: Move night recap: Very successful: Sarah helped with a lot of logistic work for movie contract. Only hiccup was they ran out of bowls and cups for popcorn and cider. Space was small and it felt crowded. But nice to host this event at both schools, alternating different years.

Directory Recap - Ashley: Now that we have some things figured out it will be easier next year. Thank you, Julie Dittman at Randall, who did so much work as well.

Notes for next year:

- Infinite Campus pulled landline instead of cell phone numbers. Colleen Moss looking into that.
- The biggest bulk of work was following up with people for missing information.
- First newsletter of the year should direct people to Infinite Campus and mention that this is used for the Directory.
- Approximately less than 5% of families were not included despite efforts to reach out.

Planning for next year:

Grants Program: Soumya is chairing the grants committee. There is a committee of volunteers in place who will review applications, which are now open to submission.

- Dec-Jan is application window. Feb – review applications. March – committee brings recommendations for funding.
- Email or video to staff is going to be the best way to share information about the grants program.
- Thank you for asking teachers. Amy Tourkowski will be teacher representative.

School Supply Kit: Anne talked to Teacher Tailored. We need to make an umbrella decision if we want delivered to schools or families.

A certain amount of money comes back to us, 14%. Could do 7% discount to families, 7% could come to PTO as fundraiser.

JW: Perhaps shouldn't be revenue for PTO – keep items at cost to families to maintain integrity that we've established by only asking for money once.

Erin to reach out to see who Hamilton uses

Motion: Ann – pending Erin's research, Can Ann sign a contract to put this school supplies relationship in place? All in favor – yes. Motion is approved.

Winter/Spring Events and Projects:

Board to please look at the planning doc and see if you would like to sign up for anything: [LINK](#)
Glow Ball is a priority event. We will tie it to Franklin's 100th Anniversary this year.

January Community Meeting:

Social Worker or Psychologist from F/R to talk about Social / Emotional topic to parents:

- Randall: Katie Larson-Klodd / School Social Worker
- Franklin: Captain Maria Loy from Franklin
- Franklin: Brittany Gregory – Franklin School Psychiatrics

Colleen Moss to follow up and confirm willingness/ availability

Deadline for newsletter is Friday – coming out Monday. Would be nice to confirm this as a topic.

- Childcare for meeting: We can ask the caregivers we asked last time, Ann has other names as well.
- Can we think of an ice breaker – devote 5 minutes for connection. Sarah Levin volunteered to think about ideas.
- Emily: popular morning meeting game: four corners. 4 options – pick your own. Chit chat about those topics.
- People wanted to know if the meeting was recorded. We should look into that for next time.
- Ann will circulate sign up document.

Meeting adjourned: 6:49