

# PTA MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Avenue

Elementary

*Date/Time* 1/11/2021 7:00 P.M. | *Meeting called to order by* Alice Tom

## I. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. Approval of Minutes

Kerry Moakley and Margo Richards approved the November 2020 minutes.

## III. Principal's Report – Dr. Talleyrand

- Kids are all so excited to be back with their teachers and classmates. Please remember to have children **bring warm outerwear** because the children will be outdoors during gym and recess, weather permitting.
- All hallways were painted bright white. Eight classroom cubby doors were painted blue similar to the front door. Wood was dull, outdated and the new paint brightened up classrooms. The classroom doors were also repainted blue.
- Teachers are great in teaching remotely and have done a great job communicating with parents. Participating in star assessment this week in math and reading. Early literacy for younger grades. Test is done better in person.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE DAILY SCREENER.**
- **PARP** is coming soon. We still need a presenter and do a virtual presentation. We usually bring guest readers, but only virtual options this year. We will invite parents to read through Google Meet or record themselves and send in. A new way parents can participate. PTA purchased the Franklin Avenue-approved "Here's Hank," a short chapter book by Henry Winkler with nicely spaced words. We wanted to keep up with the tradition and chose a simpler book, so it wouldn't be overwhelming for kids and parents.
- No winter celebration before holidays. The rescheduled Winter Celebration dates are 2/9 and 2/12. There will be no Valentines card exchange this year.
- **20% Covid Testing:** Randomized 50 students were chosen. They received their email from Dr T. personally so it was clear which child was randomly chosen if it was family with multiple kids. Any type of tests accepted for this randomized group. If you have Covid symptoms or are exposed to Covid, you still need to do the required school approved testing to come back. For randomized testing, you need to pre-register if chosen and go to PRMS. Testing is not a drive up. Go to PR Middle School and go to the cafeteria where the test will be administered. There is a separate entrance and exit.
- **Quarantine:** CDC recommends 10 days now as opposed to previous 14 days. New York and Rockland adapted the days, so the PR School District is adapting to 10 days after the

last date exposed. Tests take 2-3 days. Day of exposure is not Day 1. Day 1 is the day after. You can return to school on the 11th day. Days 11-14 closely watch the child and monitor temperature. Ms. Burke will do multiple temp checks throughout the day and ask how the child is doing. During the 10 days, if you have symptoms, then you have to finish the 14 days.

- **School Bingo:** In-school and whole school bingo. Depending on how fast the students win, it should last 30-40 minutes. Dr. T will call out numbers over PA or do a Google Meet with each class so everyone can see her. Students should still have just as much fun. Date TBD.
- **Parents who pick up and drop off are asked to please wear a mask.**
- Parents were notified to report if their child is switching learning styles, to full remote or to hybrid. Students K-2, the process takes a day or two. 3-4th, easier to transition. Please notify DR T, she does need to know which your child will do

#### **IV. President's Report**

- **PTA Membership Update:** Stands at 78. It is not too late to join. Membership is \$10 with \$6 going back to our school and \$4 to greater NYS.
- **Class Liaisons:** Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be a class liaison and have been very helpful in keeping parents in the loop. Emails can be overwhelming and things slip through the cracks, so they will text to communicate. Please forward your cell number to your teacher to be included on the class liaison list. Only important info will be texted and your number will not be shared. For ENL students, resources are available. Staff can help reach out to ENL families.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

- Class dues and class gifts fell very short. PTA is kicking in the difference. If you haven't donated, please do to offset the difference.
- Norwex and Blue Monkey Gifts fundraisers raised \$271.
- Amazon Smile has earned \$55. Please remember to shop Amazon Smile and support the FA PTA whenever you shop on Amazon. A portion will be donated to the PTA.
- School photos raised \$1600.
- There's No Place Like Gnome Virtual Event raised \$1250. Thank you to Mr. Price and Kerry Moakley for organizing such a family-friendly fun event.
- School supply kits raised \$750.
- Restaurant fundraisers (Luigi O'Grady's and Dom's To Go) raised \$573 to date.
- **Box Tops:** Funds have decreased since scanning the app. Please sync your ShopRite PricePlus card to earn Box Tops for the school.
- School photos that were not picked up curbside were returned to teachers and will be distributed this week. Last chance to submit a picture reorder is this Friday, 1/15. Sunflower Portraits isn't doing any retakes.

- **Yearbook Submissions:** 4th grade baby pics are needed by February 8th. More photos are needed, including Valentine/Winter events. PARP reading. Kids learning while at home without masks. Send pics to gmail: [franklinaveyb@gmail.com](mailto:franklinaveyb@gmail.com) with child's and teacher's names. Orders can be placed for yearbooks now through April
- **Outdoor classroom:** We need volunteers to form a planning committee. It doesn't have to be only parents, but extended relatives can help too. Planning process will begin mid- spring. Most of our fundraising monies is going to this project. Please contact Jennifer McCarthy if you'd like to volunteer. Dr. Talleyrand felt the area best for structure is near the 9/11 memorial garden. Exit doors are near with existing sidewalks to keep kids off muddy areas. Ideas needed on revamping garden. Changing it to be more of a den space where students can do independent work.
- **Spring Plant Sale:** Any flower you can imagine is available, as well as seeds, bulbs, herbs, vegetables and fruit packets are available for purchase and will ship direct. 50% of sale goes to PTA. Starts on February 12 and runs through April. Shipping late March and delivered by April.
- **Aunt Mia's Valentine Kit:** More details to come.

**Call to Adjourn 8:00 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes taken by Christy MacMaster, Co-Recording Secretary**