

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Avenue Elementary

Date | Time 1/8/2020 7:00 P.M. | *Meeting called to order by* Alice Tom

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Andrade and Meredith Dupas approved the November 2019 minutes.

III. Principal's Report - Dr. Talleyrand

- Beginning at the end of January, Franklin Avenue will be piloting a Breakfast Program in the Multi-Purpose Room. Food will be served between 8:45 and 8:55 a.m. and finished by 9:03 a.m. Students who take the bus may also participate in breakfast once they arrive. The cost of breakfast is \$2.00 and MySchoolBucks.com can be used to purchase.
- Student Council would like to host a Spirit Day once a month towards the end of each month (i.e. Dress as your Future Career (1/31); Sports Day (2/21); Decade Day (3/31).
- PBIS "Fill the Sky with Stars" initiative: Teachers will set a weekly classroom goal for tickets per class. A star will be added to the main bulletin board when the goals are reached. PBIA is also looking for new leadership opportunities for 4th graders. There will be a "job application" for school role models. Jobs will include: Hall Safety Monitor, Bus Room Monitor, Teacher Assistants, Morning Greeter, Kindergartner Helper, Green Team (help Mr. Shone) and Photographer. Requirements may include recommendation from a teacher, persuasive writing assignment, signed declaration and parental signature.
- Kindergarten Valentine's Day Party: Please do not give candy with your Valentines. Snacks will be provided by class volunteers. The rest of the grades will be exchanging Valentines only in class (no party). Kindergarten class parents attending parties are asked to arrive 15 minutes early before party starts to allow time for volunteer check-in.
- Thank you to special guests, Ellen McCabe, School Psychologist (at Franklin Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Natalie Cervantes, LMSW, School Social Worker (at Franklin Thursday and Friday), who attended the meeting and talked about supporting new students and services provided at the school. The PR District was awarded a \$500 grant from New York Life to promote social and emotional wellness. Plans are to use the funds to participate in an initiative called The Kindness Project, which is a kindness-themed rock garden populated

by the students painting rocks with positive affirmations. PTA was asked to assist with the purchase of the river rocks.

- Jackie Magee, PRHA PTA President, is looking for 20 Project Graduation chaperones to volunteer on the night of graduation (June 25, 2020). Seniors stay overnight at the high school and play games for last time. Shifts available from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Volunteers are also needed day of to help decorate the school as well as pick up and deliver food.

VI. Teachers' Report

- Kindergarten: In Math, kindergartners are busy recognizing attributes of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Please find things that are different shapes around your house or at the store and discuss the shapes with your child. Students are using their knowledge of letters and sounds to begin reading and writing. They are very excited to use their new skills. They are working hard to recognize, read and spell the red words we have covered so far. Thank you for practicing with them at home. New words will be coming home weekly, so please keep practicing with them. The kindergartners are so proud and excited to be "Star of the Week." Thank you for making the time to come and read to the class.
- First grade: In math, we are working on solving word problems with subtracting 9 from 10. In writing, students have been writing about things know how to bike ride or building a snowman. Please keep practicing those RED words and reading nightly.
- Second grade: In math, the children have been learning about place value, counting, and comparison of numbers to 1,000. Please continue to help your child gain fluency with their math facts. Knowing these facts will help your child when learning new concepts. Please practice math facts, check homework, clean out folders nightly and read daily. Parents are asked to review homework nightly and ask students to practice their trick words by reading and writing them out.
- Third grade: In math, we continue to work on multistep word problems. It is extremely important that children spend time each night memorizing their math facts. We are currently working on our 9 times table. Please make sure your child is reading 20-25 minutes each night. It is helpful to sit and listen to them read a few times a week to ensure that they are reading with accuracy. In social studies, students have begun their study of Canada. Finally, as of January 2nd, all students writing should be in cursive. At back to School night, a letter formation guide was given out to refer to. If you notice a letter looks a bit odd, please help your child with correct formation.
- Fourth grade: In math, we are beginning module 4 and the study of geometry. Please have your child study the vocabulary every night along with their math facts. In Social studies, we are wrapping up our Native American unit of study with the reading of "The Sign of the Beaver." We will be studying the Explorers next and moving into Colonial America. Students will continue to write across all the curriculum to improve their writing skills. Please continue to read

nightly.

V. Treasurer's Report

- **Holiday Boutique:** Thank you to everyone who supported the boutique. It raised \$2,600.
- **Yankee Candle:** The sale is officially ended on January 9th and earned \$1,804 to date.
- **Spiritwear Sale:** Limited spiritwear items are still available for purchase through the PTA.
- **School Photos:** Earned \$1,500 profit.

VII. Committee Reports

- **Winter Kids Clubs** will begin the week of January 21st or January 27th. Information will be soon follow.
- **PARP (Pick A Reading Partner)** begins on Thursday, January 23rd and will run through Friday, February 14th. The book ("Mr. Popper's Penguins"), along with a calendar of fun activities, will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Please check your child's backpack and student folder for more information about this school-wide event.
- **Family Bingo:** Event will be held on Friday, January 24th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:00 p.m. A limited dinner menu will be available via pre-order and delivered to the school.
- **Winter Book Fair:** Committee needs Co-Chair and volunteers to help out prior to and on February 4-6. Please sign up if you are able to help with set-up and on sales days.
- **Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser:** Save the date of February 28th for the school's big fundraiser. It will be at the Knights of Columbus in Blauvelt. More than 20 volunteers are needed to solicit donations; make baskets for the Tricky Tray; and for set-up before and during the event. If you have any Christmas or holiday gifts that you don't want, please considering donating as a basket item.
- **Mother/Son Event** will be held in March. More details to come.
- The **Box Tops YTD collection** is at \$661.70. Please continue to clip and scan your grocery receipts. If you wish to bypass the app, please forward or email a photo of your digital grocery receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email address that is associated with your Box Tops for Education account. The final collection will be March 1, 2020.

- **Makerspace:** Beth Granelli thanks everyone who donated AA batteries and fabric to the Makerspace. A box will be placed outside of the Makerspace for other needed items for upcoming projects, including: Kleenex, paper towel rolls, milk lids (from the gallon jugs), straws, rubber bands (mixed sizes), pony beads (white, clear and mixed), large storage bags (i.e. under-bed storage bags), pipe cleaners (white, red, pink, and mixed), plastic bags, wood cut 6x6" by 1/2" thick, and K'Nex sets.

Dates to Remember:

- Mandatory Fourth Grade Parent Meeting: Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: School closed on Monday, January 20
- PARP: Program begins Thursday, January 23 and concludes February 14
- Family Bingo Night: Friday, January 24 (Doors open 5:30 p.m. Event begins 6:00 p.m.)
- Winter Book Fair: February 4-6
- American Education Week: February 24-28
- President's Day: School closed on Monday, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18
- Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser: Friday, February 28

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m.**

The PTA Executive Board for 2019-2020:

- PTA President: Alice Tom
- Co-Vice Presidents: Christy Goldsmith and Kerry Moakley
- Co-Treasurers: Jami Nolan and Christy McMaster
- Co-Recording Secretaries: Rose Croke and Tricia Sutton
- Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer McCarthy

Call to Adjourn 8:30 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Co-recording Secretaries: Rose Croke and Tricia Sutton