

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Avenue Elementary

Date/time 11/13/2019 9:30 P.M. | *Meeting called to order by* Christy Goldschmidt

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes

Jessica Mulligan and Daniel O'Brien approved the October 2019 minutes.

III. Principal's Report – Dr. Talleyrand

- Please remember to dress your children in weather-appropriate clothing. Students will go outside for recess unless below freezing and in the event of a fire drill.
- Morning drop-off begins at 8:45 a.m. Please no early drop-offs as this may lead to an unsupervised and unsafe environment for the students.
- Thanksgiving Feast - PTA is donating \$100 to offset the cost. Please pay for student meals (\$2.50) via the School Store at www.myschoolbucks.com. Cost of meal will not be deducted from regular meal account. It must be paid as a special event through the School Store.
- Teachers will be absent throughout the year for Professional Development to meet shifting from Common Core standards to Next Generation standards. Areas include: Literacy, Science 21, Math, ELL and Tech.
- Report cards will be posted on the Parent Portal on Wednesday, November 20th.
- In support of PBIS and school goals, teachers will nominate students who are respectful role models who practice safety and kindness. These students will be recognized with a Shining Star certificate.
- To share our love of reading, please watch my Reading with the ELFS video of "I Want To Be A Lot" by Ashley Savage. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSEhtAmLj4w>
- Thank you to all who attended our Halloween celebration. It was the first time in a long time that the Halloween Parade was held indoors.
- The Drama Club will hold a performance on 11/19 with 3rd and 4th grade cast members. There is a new sound system and the stage has been repainted.
- Thank you to our special guest, John Aiello, of the Pearl River Library, who attended the meeting and encourages all students to stop the library's Learning Lab Tech Fair on Tuesday, December 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. John has been collaborating with our Library and Makerspace on robotics and coding projects.
- Parent Visitation is usually in November during American Education Week, but we will invite parents to visit during the week of February 24-28th.
- Don't forget to follow Franklin Avenue Elementary School on Facebook and Instagram.

VI. Teachers' Report

- The kindergarteners are almost finished with their science unit on weather. They built shelters to protect their ice cube from melting, graphed temperature and learned about severe weather. For phonics, we are using the Orton Gillingham Multisensory Program. Students form letters in sand and write on "bumpy boards."
- First grade is exploring computer programming with code.org. In science, students are exploring shadows and the position of the sun. In math, students are using related facts to solve math problems. Please practice math facts, doubles, reading and writing the weekly red words.
- Second graders are working on place value to 1,000 in math. They are reading Thanksgiving stories and focusing on inferencing. Thank you for the toilet paper and paper towel rolls that were used to build student bridges. In social studies, students are learning about citizenship. Please practice math facts, check homework, clean out folders nightly and read daily.
- Third graders are working hard and growing more independent each day. In reading, students are learning how to figure out the meanings of words. Please make sure your children are reading accurately and comprehending their stories by discussing their books with them. In math, we are rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 as well as continuing to work with multi-step story problems. remind them to spend 10 minutes each night memorizing their math facts. Students have completed narrative writing and their first unit in science on forces and interactions. The second unit is on interdependent relationships in ecosystems.
- Fourth graders are working on the multiplication of two digit by one or two digit numbers using a variety of ways to come up with the product. Students are asked to practice their math facts so they can easily work out the equations presented. Students are reading "The Eagle Song" and creating wampum belts in makerspace and drawing important symbols of the tribe that will serve as stamps on their belts. Students are enjoying the magnet and electric unit in science.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser is being planned for a Friday evening in February – Date TBA. Committee volunteers are needed! If you have any empty baskets that you no longer need or if you have items/goods/services that you wish to donate, please email franklinavepta@gmail.com.
- Parents Night Out on December 4th at Bach to Rock is \$25per kid from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A portion of the money will go to the FA PTA.
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VII. Committee Reports

- School photos were sent home. Retake day was on October 28th. There will be no Family Portraits this year.

- Yankee Candle has made \$1,700 profit to date. Online orders can be placed through January 8th. Shipping is fast if you want to order for holiday gifts.
- Spiritwear Sale ended on November 1st.
- Levity Live- Psychic Night with Cindy Kaza, earned \$775 with 50% of all ticket sales going back to the PTA. Fundraising opportunities for other clubs and PTAs is available through Jodi Bergin.
- The first Box Tops collection raised \$250. Please continue to clip and scan your grocery receipts. The next collection will be March 1st.
- Makerspace is looking for donations of AA batteries for upcoming school projects that will be returned home.
- This semester's Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be catered by Luigi O'Grady's. Volunteers from each class are asked to donate refreshments, including baked goods, cases of water and seltzer, iced tea and coffee.
- The dates of the Holiday Boutique have changed. It will now be held in the Art Room on December 5th and December 6th. All items for sale will have a flat rate of \$2. Parent volunteers are needed for both dates.
- Winter Kids Clubs will begin in January.
- Playground Bricks were repointed and fixed by Facilities. The PTA needs to replace two bricks.
- A quarterly Facilities Committee Meeting was held in October to discuss maintaining and improving the building and school grounds appearance. The next meeting will be held in the Spring. Improvement and beautification project suggestions are welcome. Please send to Dr. Tallyrand who will forward to the Facilities Committee.

Dates to Remember:

November 21 and 22 - Noon Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

November 27 - Early dismissal by 15 minutes for emergency drill

December 20 - Winter Concert and Holiday Parties

December 23 to January 1 - Winter Recess

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 10:45 A.M. - Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Co-recording Secretaries: Rose Croke