

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Avenue

Elementary

Date/Time 4/12/2021 7:00 P.M. | *Meeting called to order by* Alice Tom

I. Principal's Report – Dr. Talleyrand

- Moving forward to our full-return, scheduled for April 19, 2021, our 3rd and 4th graders will combine cohorts A and B in the same classroom. Students will be seated at their own desk, socially distanced at 3 feet. Our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders will remain in the cohort model, socially distanced at 6 feet. Temporary remote instruction will continue to be available to students in quarantine, isolation or awaiting test results.
- **UPDATED GUIDELINES SINCE MEETING:** On Friday, April 9th, the NYS Department of Health issued [updated guidance for schools](#). A significant change in the guidance is: “The CDC no longer recommends physical barriers for mitigation where physical distancing cannot be maintained.” The district purchased desk shields in preparation for a full-return because they had been cited previously by the NYSDOH as a means of returning more students to in-person instruction. In light of this new guidance, desk shields will only be used in those limited circumstances for which they were already in place. These limited circumstances include placement on teacher desks, and where small group instruction typically brings staff and students closer together.
- The new guidance renews the emphasis on air filtration and ventilation. In November, the District secured HEPA units for all workspaces and classrooms in all school buildings in the district to augment the unit ventilators in schools. Unit ventilators will have their settings set to a full open mode to allow for maximum intake of fresh air into classrooms.
- The CDC has recommended eating lunch outdoors when possible. Tents will be set up for outdoor lunches at each of the schools to accommodate this recommendation.
- **UPDATED BUSSING GUIDELINES SINCE MEETING:** Students who are eligible for transportation and cannot be driven to school will be required to wear a mask while riding the bus. Face shields will also be available to bus riders. Children must wear a mask, and may choose to wear a face shield or second masks, when boarding the bus. Also, please remind your children to sit only in their assigned seats.
- **Progress Reports:** Check the parent portal on Wednesday, April 21st. Noon dismissal on Friday, April 23rd for virtual parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will reach out to parents to schedule a conference as needed.
- **Morning Arrival**
- Student arrival begins at 8:45 a.m. and our school day begins at 9:00 a.m. This year, a larger number of parents have chosen to drive their children to school. If, as part of

your drop off routine, you would like to help your child out of the car and gather their school belongings, please park in a parking spot. If this is not part of your drop off routine, please pull into the drop off area and have only your children exit the car. This will allow for a safer and more expedited arrival. This will be especially important with more students returning to school, and an anticipated increase of students being driven to school.

- **NYS Assessments:** The NYS ELA Assessment will be administered to fourth grades on Thursday, April 22nd and to third graders on April 27th. The NYS Math Assessment will be administered to fourth graders on Wednesday, May 5th and to third graders on Thursday, May 6th. **Please read the [email](#) sent home earlier today regarding NYS Assessments and complete the [form](#) by Monday, April 19th to help us plan accordingly.**
- **End of the Year:** A few end-of-year activities will be modified for health and safety, namely Field Day, Spirit Days, End of Year Celebrations, and a Fourth Grade Promotion Ceremony. More information about these events will come as they approach.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO FILL OUT THE DAILY SCREENER DAILY BEFORE 8 AM.**

IV. President's Report

This special meeting included a vote in of our new PTA Executive Board Members for the 2021-2023 school years.

- Nikki Stapleton - Vice President
- Jillian Hesse and Jillian Pagano-Cillibrasi - Co-Treasurers
- Anne Marie Agosta - Recording Secretary
- Christine Perone - Corresponding Secretary

Please email us at FranklinAvePTA@gmail.com if you and/or a friend is interested in joining the Executive Board as a Co-President.

- We are also in need of volunteers to continue the **Outdoor Classroom Project Committee**. Parents, caregivers, alumni and community members are ALL welcomed.
- **Yearbook Submissions:** Deadline to order Yearbook is April 17th.
- A Norwex **"Spring Cleaning x Earth Day" fundraiser** kicks off on Thursday, April 22nd and will run through Friday, May 7th.
- **Spring Plant Sale:** Deadline has been extended to May 31st.
- **Amazon Smile:** Please remember to shop Amazon Smile and support the FA PTA whenever you shop on Amazon. A portion will be donated to the PTA.
- **Box Tops:** Please remember to sync your ShopRite PricePlus card to register Franklin Avenue and earn Box Tops points for the school.
- **Krispy Kreme Fundraiser for Father's Day:** More details to come.

Important Dates:

Date	Subject
Monday, April 19	Full Return - Wear Franklin Avenue Spirit Wear
Friday, April 23	½ Day - Student Dismissal at noon
Thursday, April 22	NYS ELA Assessment - Grade 4
Tuesday, April 27	NYS ELA Assessment - Grade 3
Wednesday, April 28;	NYS ELA Assessment Make-up - Grades 3 & 4
Thursday, April 29	NYS ELA Assessment Make-up - Grades 3 & 4
Wednesday, May 5	NYS Math Assessment - Grade 4
Thursday, May 6	NYS Math Assessment - Grade 3
Wednesday, May 12	NYS Math Assessment Make-up - Grade 3 & 4
Tuesday, June 8	NYS Science Assessment - Grade 4

Meeting Adjourned - 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rose Croke, Co-Recording Secretary

The **next virtual PTA Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7 PM.**