PTA MEETING MINUTES

Franklin Avenue Elementary

***Date|Time*** 11/4/2020 7:00 P.M. | ***Meeting called to order by*** Alice Tom

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Kerry Moakley and Margaret Murphy approved the October 2020 minutes.

**III. Principal’s Report – *Dr. Talleyrand***

* Gave a presentation on Title I school services, the largest federal aid funding program (i.e. free lunch program, targeted academic assistance for at-risk students) for Academic Intervention Services (AIS) services.
* Halloween was different but a wonderful experience for the children. Thank you to the PTA for the compiling the costume parade video of photos as well as the snack and craft.
* **Thanksgiving Celebration:** BB cohort will celebrate will be on Friday, 11/20 and AA cohort will be on Tuesday, 11/24. Thanksgiving meals will be provided on each day.
* **Winter Celebration:** BB cohort celebration will be on 12/18 and AA cohort celebration will be on 12/22
* **Arrival and Dismissal Rules:** Arrival begins at 8:45 a.m. Dismissal for walkers is at 3:00 p.m. Dismissal for bussers is at 3:15 p.m. A Lockdown drill will be held on Tuesday, 11/10. Early dismissal by 15 minutes is scheduled for that day.
* **COVID-19 Protocols:** Every day, parents/guardians should be receiving an email to fill out the COVID screener. **Screener needs to be done by 8 am.** **If screener is not completed before 8 AM, students will be rescreened by the school nurse.**
* If a child is presenting with one symptom, please keep the child home. Call Mrs. Burke, the school nurse, to report absence. Please take child to the doctor and have a COVID test (regular or a rapid molecular test only; antigen test is NOT accepted). Student can return 2-3 days after COVID test results are received, or you can keep them at home for 10 days without the COVID test.
* **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Virtual conferences will be held on Thursday, 11/19 and Friday, 11/20. Walker dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. Bus dismissal will be 12:00 p.m. Look out for an email from your child’s teacher with a Sign Up Genius conference schedule.
* **Staff Appreciation Luncheon:** The PTA will be ordering individually wrapped gifts for staff. We will be sending an email requesting donations. Please check your email.

**IV. President’s Report**

* **PTA Membership Update:** Open enrollment ended at the end of October.
* Congratulations to Michaela Stapleton for winning a Franklin Avenue sweatshirt
* **Class Dues/Collections:** Link is now open to contribute teacher gifts.
* **Class Liaisons:** We are in need of one parent per class to directly communicate with parents/guardians in the class via a group chat app (What’s App) about what’s going on in school, important updates, community events, PTA meetings.

**V. Committee Reports**

**School Photos:** Photos retakes dates have not been scheduled yet by Sunflower Portraits

Spiritwear Sale:

**Restaurant Night Out Fundraisers:** The Saloon and Blu Mango Smoothie Bar fundraisers raised $220. Luigi O’Grady’s is going on from November 2-6th; Dom’s To Go is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th.

**Family Portrait Sessions**: Photography by Gennaro. Link was sent to families who had portraits taken

**Amazon Smile:** Support the Franklin Avenue PTA with Amazon Smile. Log-in to your secured account each time via Amazon Smile and choose PTA**New York Congress 004-243 Franklin Avenue School**PTAas your charity. A portion of your purchase will be donated to the FA PTA.

**Holiday Flower Sale:** Amaryllis Growing Kits are on sale now. Perfect for holiday gift giving. **All online orders are due no later than Monday, November 30th** for timely holiday delivery. Each online delivery ships directly to your preferred shipping address. We make 45-49% of all sales. Goal is $1700.

**PR Pirates Reusable Shopping Bags**: CheddarUp link is open. The NYS Plastic Bag Ban is back in effect. If you are in need of reusable shopping bags, consider purchasing one from Franklin Avenue. **All proceeds from the sale of the bags will go toward the fundraising for the planning and construction of our outdoor classroom**.

**Box Tops:** Keep collecting and scanning your Box Tops. The next collection is in March.

**Yearbooks:** Committee is looking for student photos from the first day of school, Halloween, remote learning, and spirit days. Please share photos with [franklinavepta@gmail.com](mailto:franklinavepta@gmail.com).

**VII. New Business**

* + **Norwex “Home for the Holidays” Fundraiser – (11/16 to 12/4)** Norwex offers household, personal care and sustainable choices that are free from harsh chemicals and help to protect the health of our families, communities and the planet.
  + Next week, FA families can join a special Facebook group to see Norwex product demos and specials by the Norwex consultant who is also a Franklin Avenue parent.
  + Guests can shop through the standalone flyer alone, but also have access to the full catalog and holiday gift giving guide. There are many choices under a $20 price point.
  + All orders ship direct to the person who orders, so there is no limit if friends or family live in non-local areas.
  + Franklin Avenue PTA will receive 20% of all sales.

**Outdoor Classroom Proposal –** Need sub-committee members (i.e. architect, carpenter, electrician, contractors, etc.). If interested, please reach out to PTA ([franklinavepta@gmail.com](mailto:franklinavepta@gmail.com)). Grant writing in support of the project is in process now. The top spot for this project will be near the 9/11 Garden. This will be a huge fundraising endeavor. Financial and organizational help is needed. Most of the proceeds from the PTA’s fundraising events this year will be earmarked for this project, which will commence in the Spring.

**Holiday Boutique Mystery Bags:** Bags filled with 5 randomly chosen miscellaneous gifts for 2 adults and 3 kids will be on sale for $10 each. Children can purchase bags for holiday gift giving.

The next PTA meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**   
  
**Call to Adjourn 8:15 p.m. - Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes taken by Rose Croke, Recording Secretary**