

FRANKLIN MONROE ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2021

Attendees (signed in):

Angie Norris, Jen Davenport, Chelsea Myers, Sarah Ruffing, Michelle Glick, Laci Sando, Sandra Baker
Tonnya Helfrich, Ruth Ragsdale, Malinda Quinn, Megan Linder, Mandy Davis, Amanda Wackler, Beth Hein, Brittney Hangen, Mindy Trick, Cassie Bixler, Lindsey Tauscher, Brian Happy, Kristine Happy, Mallory Gray

2021-2022 PTO Board:

Jen Davenport – President

Chelsea Myers – Vice-President

Angie Norris – Treasurer

Sarah Ruffing – Secretary

Mrs. Linder – Principal's Report: Nothing new today

New/Revised Teacher Requests:

Request from Mrs. Quinn – Teacher Pay Teacher Reading program additional fee, \$49.51 – Approved (Sandi, Chelsea)

Past Business:

Boonshoft Museum on Motion – Think like a scientist:

- Event was October 6th during school hours
- Thank you for coordinating with Boonshoft, Laci Sando!
- Outcome: We asked Boonshoft to adapt their program to run more like COSI. This was Boonshoft's first time doing this kind of program. They did an awesome job!
- Feedback from teachers: Kids loved hands on aspects, interactive nature and small groups. Involve a student in each session. Some sessions were better for younger/older. 5 minutes/program was OK, sometimes short or long.
- Future: Plan on Boonshoft for next year. Every year is customized, can pick new areas of science, or bring favorites back. They are less expensive than COSI and would like to bring live animals next year. Laci Sando will coordinate.

Athletic Boosters Fall Carnival:

- Event was October 15th 6:00pm-9:00pm
- PTO fundraising at event - Bounce house and Family Photos – proceeds from both were split with the Boosters
- Outcome: There were a lot of families that came out and the kids had a blast. From a PTO standpoint, we did not have many volunteers to help with the bounce house or photos. We did not make our money back on the bounce house. Athletic Boosters made about \$1700 from the event (a few items pending), with about 70 lanyards sold early and 70 sold at event, so overall the event was a success.
- Future: PTO would like to do a family event in the Fall of 2022 and Boosters are amendable to rotating years and/or doing events together. Recommend volunteer sign up in hour increments vs. 30 min. and realize middle school volunteers will likely participate in activities (lose them part way through). Whole school event aspect was great, could work with Athletic Boosters in the future but with co-sponsorship to make it a better fundraiser for the PTO and involve the teachers. Athletic Boosters could do sports items, with PTO doing carnival items?
- Need to bring groups together early to coordinate (FFA, Boosters, PTO, sports teams, administration, etc.). Prefer fewer, large vs. small family events to drive participation.

Get to Know Your Teacher: Flyers have been passed out to students.

New Business:

Picnics: Picnics (Sarah) has approached us about their PTO monthly fundraiser. Whole day would be FM PTO Day, with FM PTO getting 30% of profit on all food. There are a couple of options for executing this with proceeds from all sales or

proceeds from sales to FM families (requiring kids to bring tickets to link back to teacher for classroom competition). This would start December 1 and run the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone liked this idea! Jen Davenport will coordinate with Sarah at Picnics and work with PTO board on which set up option to pursue and rewards from Picnics (ice cream party, for example).

Fall Fundraiser: Winan's Coffee & Chocolates fundraiser has started (order forms sent home), running from October 13-27. Delivery will be November 17th, 3:00pm-5:00pm in the old cafeteria. Option for PTO donation was included in materials. Following Winners with Winan's is a little challenging, but we will always have sequential fundraising with school.

Spring Fundraiser: Mar-chele soft pretzels and gourmet popcorn will be our PTO spring fundraiser, running from February 9-23, with a pick up date in March (Date TBD).

Fundraising in general:

Ideas: Chicken dinners, pizzas from Little Caesars, cookie dough, Texas Roadhouse rolls (tried this year, but fell through)

Concerns: We are concerned product fundraising won't bring in as much as needed this year, especially with having the loss on Bounce House at Carnival. PTO Board will look for fundraising options through events.

Toy Drive/Donation Drive: We've previously done Christmas donations in November (toys, hats, gloves, supplies like shampoo, diapers). Thoughts on hosting for this year? Ideas: Rustic Hope (all supplies) went well. Gloves/hats drive didn't go as well. Dayton Childrens didn't go as well. Rustic Hope sounds like best option, Chelsea is reaching out to contacts.

Santa Shop:

- DATE CORRECTION: December 8th & 9th
- Elementary to host Cookies with Santa on Thursday Dec. 9th in the evening (est. 5:30-7:30), still with book hand out and Santa and perhaps crafts – Mrs. Linder would like teachers to come volunteer and bring their families. School will be decorating, including door décor for potential voting at Cookies with Santa
- How it works: PTO volunteers buy items and set up shop. Parents fill in form (person shopping for and dollar amounts) and send in with money for kids to shop. Kids shop at school and at Cookies with Santa and wrap presents with volunteers, then bring gifts home.
- Volunteer leads: Ashley, Allie, Jen, input from Michelle from work at prior school. Looking through items in inventory this week, then setting plan next week. Considering set up by who they are shopping for ("mom table" vs. monetary amount, benefits of both) with still including a neutral table and low cost table (50cents-\$1) to add up to total sent in (sometimes a check is sent).
- Items: Supply from last year is quite good with not having Santa Shop last year due to COVID. Cookies with Santa will be a good purchase opportunity. 260 students, working to estimate # items for adult female, adult male and then by age group. Top cost is \$6/item, including bundled items (bath, kitchen items) and gift baskets with cheap DVDs. Candy, blankets, matchbox cars sell well.
- Shopping: Christmas Tree Shop, Dollar stores, Home Buys, Homegoods, 5 Below, Amazon jewelry, bundle from Dollar Tree (delivered)
- Donations: Wrapping paper, bags, tissue paper, tape, etc. will be needed
- Volunteers will be contacted – wrappers, shopping assistance at Santa Shop (parents like to help with this – usually tons of volunteers)

Movie/Bingo Night: We will be hosting a family movie/bingo night in late winter/early spring. Date to come.

- Sarah and Chelsea to coordinate
- Ideas for activities at event: Bingo with prizes, movie for kids to watch, 50/50 raffle, bake sale or cake walk, silent auction (baskets, donated items), concession stand for dinner and snacks
- Door prize donation at entry (\$25 gift) to play Bingo
- Have kids vote on movie, poll could be sent home with kids, look for new releases
- Previously had each teacher do a basket with donated items or cash from classroom kids, with movie in basket – party for class with most participation

- Alternate ideas:
 - Pair with Boosters to host babysitting on Monte Carlo night? Adults would go to Monte Carlo and pay for their baby sitting/movie/pizza by PTO? Negative is a lot of ideas for fundraising wouldn't be able to be applied without parents at event.
 - Valentines dinner with kids movie on other side, or Valentines baby sitting?

Teacher & Staff Gift: October's gift was a pen. "Mark my words, it's going to be a great school year!"

Approve Treasurer Report:


- **Encourage friends and family to link their accounts to FM PTO** - Kroger Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, Market Day
- Treasurers' report (see below) was approved – Michelle Glick, Mrs. Happy

PTO Meeting Dates & Times for 2021-22 school year: Nov. 15, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16

Teacher Gift Card Drawing: Mrs. Happy won an Amazon card. We are looking at mixing up gift cards to include coffee shops, Teachers Pay Teachers, etc.

Motion to Adjourn: Mrs. Happy, Mrs. Gray

Come join us at FM Elementary PTO meetings!
3rd Monday of the month except where a holiday falls
3:30 pm - FM Elementary Room 116
2021-2022 meeting dates:
 September 20
 October 18
 November 15
 January 24
 February 28
 March 21
 April 18
 May 16



Franklin Monroe P.T.O.
 Treasurer's Report
 September 21, 2021 - October 18, 2021

		<u>Starting Balance</u>	\$7,581.13
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	
	9/30/21 September Interest Earned	\$0.28	
	Total Receipts		\$0.28
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	9/22/21 Mallory Gray - 2nd Grade Reading Materials	\$140.00	
	9/22/21 Mindy Trick - Reading Intervention Materials	\$63.16	
	9/22/21 Ruth Ragsdale - Reading Group Materials & Scholastic Books	\$377.14	
	9/27/21 Shannon Ressler - K-4 Digital & Print Curriculum for Library	\$295.95	
	10/6/21 Boonshoft - All-Day Science Program for Students	\$850.00	
	10/6/21 Laci Sando - Lunch for Boonshoft Volunteers	\$62.91	
	10/6/21 Chelsea Myers - September & October Staff Gifts	\$103.88	
	10/15/21 Jennifer Davenport - Bounce House Rental for Carnival	\$134.06	
	Total Expenditures		\$2,027.10
	Ending Balance		\$5,554.31