



Franklin PTO



Meeting Agenda

November 5, 2024 @ 6 PM

Board Members: Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Danielle Winwood,
Brittany Balmat, Monica Goetz, Samantha Martin, Nikki Holbrook

Attendees:

Online: Monica Goetz, Jill Munyon, Nita Kollar

In-person: Maggie Luth, Dani Winwood, Mrs. Kelly, Nikki Holbrook, Kim Hewit, Beth Keck,
Jianna Jenks

Call to order:

06:01pm

Principal Report:

- Students are helping to build birdhouses. Birdhouses with cameras were donated
- Robots coded to go trick or treating
- 1st, 2nd and 4th did elections today
- On Friday all staff is going on a STEM school field trip so they can get some ideas - North Ridgeville
- Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Feast coming up
- Underground Spirit Week - first week of December
 - Not telling the kids, the staff will just come in each day with something silly on
- On the first snow the entire school will get hot cocoa
- 4th grade Columbus transportation
 - Used to be covered by the District, but they no longer can pay for it
 - Found busses for \$1,750 each (need 2) - the same cost as last year
 - \$2,625 is the ask from the PTO to help cover the bus cost
 - We had \$1,500 budgeted in the past
 - Applebee's fundraiser this week will go towards this
 - District policy is that they cannot ask parents to pay for transportation
 - Tabled this to marinate and will vote in December
- STEM mural
 - \$3,500 for the mural, still looking at other options to try to lower the cost
 - It would go in the hallway from the stairs to the playground
 - There is a way to create almost a color by number of the design on the wall so our families could each paint a square

Staff Report:

- Ms. Crowley - would love if we did some sort of drive or asked for donations via backpack connection for Halloween costumes - a handful of students don't have costumes for the parade so staff runs to Walmart and Target to quick get some

Board Reports:

President - Maggie Luth

- Meeting with the school board and other PTO presidents in November

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- Huge thank you to Maggie and Nikki - they have been guiding our chairs through their events

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 68

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of October meeting minutes. Motion: Dani Second: Nikki
- Thank You Cards sent to: Wadsworth Eagles (\$1,000 donation), Burgess & Niple (\$1,000 donation), Mr. Watson (Franklin student teacher), 4 High School volunteers from Fall Fest
- Need a thank you for Jason for the pumpkin donation
- Need a thank you for Mr. Livingston for the blow-ups at fall fest
- Want to make these two parents thank yous massive cards for everyone to sign!

Treasurer - Monica Goetz

- Ending October balance was: \$13,269.59
- Balance will fluctuate a bit this week between Boo Gram deposit and several reimbursement checks being cashed
- Up roughly \$7,000 from what we budgeted
- Please send all digital receipts to: franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com

Treasurer-Elect - Samantha Martin

- View current budget: <https://bit.ly/4eeQAJZ>

Committee Head/PTO Liaison - Nikki Holbrook

- Thank you Ashley Yoder, Haley Mack, and Shauna Morrison for your continued help!

Recaps:

- Book Fair: Spent \$553 in Scholastic dollars, Earned: \$3,178, Total balance: \$4,445
- Wadsworth Eagles event: received \$1000, thank you Monica, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Likens, and Mrs. Snitil
- Read-A-Thon: Raised: \$5,235.79, spent: \$109.82, Profit: \$5,125.97
 - Ride with a cop next week - Dani to make a reel (November 12)
- Boo Grams: Raised: \$621.73, spent: \$124.63, Profit: \$497.10
 - Lots of kids were upset because they didn't get one
 - Don't need a trinket with them; we can do the notes by themselves
 - Liked the Gratitude Grams better and sending it home
- Fall Fest: Spent about \$325, About 30 trunks and 220 kids, great event, Thank you Nikki and Dani
 - Next year food trucks on the blacktop
 - Changing the time to 6-7
 - High schoolers and music was great
 - No paint next year
- STEM shirts - 54 orders, \$159.98 raised
 - Tie dye option for adults would be nice

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Conference Meals - Brittany Balmat
 - Decision: 11/7 - Sponsored by Swenson's
 - Proposal: 2/6/25 Donation from Chick-fil-A 1 large platter of chicken nuggets (feeds 25). Looking into purchasing other catering items from them like sandwiches/wraps. Use mac-n-cheese donation from Sandridge. Large, tossed salad
- Veterans Day - Dani Winwood and Nikki Holbrook
 - Decision: 11/14 at 9:30a
 - Using the risers for this event moving forward
 - Doing the hallway like last year, with decorations similar
 - Pins are purchased and with Mrs. Kelly
 - Student council will be helping to pass out programs
 - Don't forget to send in your veteran stars!
 - Not expecting over \$100 spend
 - Volunteer sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3YqNFdN>
 - Flyer to invite family/friends: <https://bit.ly/3YHBxEt>
- Holiday Shop: Monica Goetz, Jill Munyon & Nikki Holbrook
 - Decision: 12/2-12/6
 - Gingerbread theme
 - Monica, Nikki, and Jill are being the cashiers all week
 - Need help with set up, personal shoppers, and tear down
 - \$150 spent on decor
 - Volunteer sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3NOZmne>
- Holiday Fun Fest - Jianna Jinks & Nita Kollar
 - Decision: 12/5 from 6-7:30p
 - Crafts - Art Room
 - Magic reindeer food
 - Popsicle stick trees - no cost
 - Glitter tattoos - STEM room
 - No cost
 - Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus - Gym
 - Professional photographer - no cost
 - Santa and Mrs. Claus \$200
 - Backdrop \$20
 - Silly selfies - Gym
 - Whoville theme
 - Letters to Santa and mailbox - Gym
 - Letters to Senior Center - Gym
 - Reading with a therapy dog and Franklin alumni - library
 - Bookmarks about the therapy dog
 - Books read every 20 minutes
 - Games - space by elevator upstairs, closer to the stairs and 1st grade rooms on the 1st floor, one in the gym
 - Ring toss
 - Buckets with snowball toss
 - Mini golf

- Cookies & cocoa - Cafeteria
 - Tables set up for eating
- Food truck - Gourmet Groove
- Need to book Travelin Tom's
- Total spend is \$500
 - Raised \$227.64 thus far
- PTO covering the overage - free event!
- Volunteer sign-up: <https://bit.ly/48vCWkC>
- Santa picture sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3NTB7Ep>
- Backpack Connection- Katie Heiple
 - Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
 - Thanksgiving break sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3Aer1eq>
 - Ask for Halloween costume donations for all sizes and genders for the school
- Box Tops: Maggie Luth
 - Currently at \$255.90 - over halfway to our goal!
 - Sign up using referral code BWXD7415
 - Link your Walmart account - \$5 just for connecting
 - Lots of bonuses for November for referrals and Walmart linking!

Other Business & Announcements:

- Memorial Lightfest, do we want to participate?
 - Not this year

Questions? New Ideas?

- Mrs. Kelly is decorating the first-floor hallway again with snowflakes, lights, blow-ups...all the things
 - Having student teachers make some of the decorations this week when kids are off
 - Need help creating some of the decorations and putting them up
 - Talking to the staff about what day would be great to do this and how long they can hang with it up
 - Shooting for setting up the evening of December 4 so it will be up for Holiday Fun Fest

Closing:

7:17pm

Motion: Nikki Second: Jianna

Next Meeting Topics: 12/6/24 @ 9:30am

- Winter Farmers Market - Jenny Neforos & Shauna Morrison
- Educational Assembly with Outback Ray - Monica Kallai & Tiffany Wagar
- February Conference Meal - Brittany Balmat

Upcoming Dates

- 11/7-11/8: No School
- 11/7: Conferences 8:10a-3:40p
- 11/7: Applebee's Fundraiser
- 11/14: Veteran's Day Program 9:30a
- 11/22: Thanksgiving Feast 2-3p
- 11/28-11/29: No School
- 12/2-12/6: Holiday Shop
- 12/5: Holiday Fun Fest 6-7:30p
- 12/6: PTO Meeting 9:30a
- 12/20: Class Parties
- 12/23-1/6/25: No School
- 1/7: PTO Meeting 6p
- 1/14: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Donuts with Grownups 8:10a
- 1/16: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Donuts with Grownups 8:10a
- 1/17: Winter Farmers Market 1:45p
- 1/20: No School
- 1/21: Educational Assembly with Outback Ray
- 2/6: Conferences 4:30-8p
- 2/7: PTO Meeting 9:30a
- 2/14: Class Parties
- 2/17: No School
- 2/18: Bingo Night 6-7:30p
- 2/24-2/28: Book Fair and Special Person Lunches