



Franklin PTO



Meeting Agenda

December 6, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

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

Attendees: Jill Likens, Sarah Crowley, Haley Mack, Mandi Yoak, Tiffany Wagar, Jill Munyon, Katie Heiple, Dani Winwood, Susan Smerekanich, Beth Keck, Kim Whitmire, Kelly Laib, Jessica Chada, Meagan Neuman, Debbie Pegrim, Kristina Marias, Amy Casey, Barb Crookes, Mandy Simmons, Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Brittany Balmat, Sunaina Kelly
Virtual: Nikki Holbrook, Nita Kollar, Jianna Jinks

Call to order: 9:32am Maggie Luth

Principal Report:

- Thank you for a wonderful Holiday event! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to set up, tear down and decorate the hallways. Video to come soon! Holiday shop was amazing! Thank you to everyone!
- Staff participated in STEM PD Day 12/5/24
- Staff is focusing on PBL - Problem Based Learning - projects, research, filtering, failing, and how to move forward after failing. We will have PBL everyday in each grade level going forward
- Movie Night was a hit!

Staff Report:

- Barb Crookes/Amy Casey (intervention specialists): Thank you so much for all that the PTO does for this school! They work closely with classroom teachers to ensure they are mirroring the work being done in class. They are looking for community experts in social studies and science.
- Jill Likens (3rd grade): STEM PD Day 12/5 - planning for the rest of this year and upcoming year. Our school is providing an amazing experience for the kids. Moving away from Wondrous Wednesday - and towards Wondrous everyday for next year
- Debbie Pegrim (1st grade): Holiday shop was amazing. A lot of exciting things are happening at Franklin. It was great doing professional development yesterday.
- Meagan Neumann (counselor): Thank you for our PTO - we can't do what we do without you. Backpack connection, extra clothing, etc. KG-4th Counseling Advisory Meeting 12/12/24 to discuss new initiatives they are working on in the schools. Parents are invited to attend. Contact Meagan with any questions
- Jessica Chada (kindergarten): thank you for all of the fun activities. Kindergarten STEM - working on bringing STEM into K.
- Kelly Laib (2nd grade): Character Strong into hands on activities - gratitude & word bracelets. Thank you for all the PTO does to make the school exciting for the kids.
- Kim Whitmire (intervention specialist): really appreciate the PTO and the experience that is created for the kids. We are fostering a great community in and out of the classroom.
- Kristina Marias (1st grade): PTO does an amazing job with grants, conference meals, decorations, book fairs, Holiday shop. 1st grade is working to incorporate character strong into STEM activities - encourage teamwork. Focus on problem solving. Preparing to make STEM part of daily ongoing work next year.
- Sarah Crowley (kindergarten): PTO is extremely inclusive to all students - Thank You!!

- Mandy Simmons (4th grade): thank you for everything you do in the building!

Board Reports:

President - Maggie Luth

- District Cavs Night is January 30th against the Atlanta Hawks, presale tickets only at <https://cavaliers.group/Wadsworth>
- WCS Board PTO President meeting recap - discussed what's working well in each building, Neighborhood Bridges and safety topics
- Chair/co-chair [Needed for Wellness Week and Walk-a-thon](#)
- Booster reminder for staff \$100/member

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- No report

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 70

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of November meeting minutes. Motion: Lauren Kozak Second: Dani Winwood
- Thank You Cards will be sent to: VFW \$500 donation, washer/dryer donation, Holiday helpers. If you would like any additional thanks yours to be sent- let Brittany know

Treasurer - Monica Goetz

- Ending November balance: \$13,159.74 - currently on track for a surplus of almost \$9K
- Amazon account purchases are going really well
- Please send all digital receipts to: franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com
 - Please turn in your receipts in a timely manner so they can be accounted for on the budget. I am at pickup Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and can meet at other times or drop checks off at the school if that is not convenient.

Treasurer-Elect - Samantha Martin

- View current budget: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xuSPMMI7AluulvZI8T88gRv7JpPjCirU/view?usp=sharing>

Committee Head/PTO Liaison - Nikki Holbrook

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Veterans Assembly! (Beth Keck, Katie Pavlich, Erica Price, Lucy Swinehart, Sarah Bozsik, and Brittany Balmat)

Recaps:

- November Conference Meal- Thank you, Brittany and Swensons! Total spend: \$60.85
- Veterans Day- Thank you, Dani & Nikki. Great event! Total Spend: \$82.43
- Holiday Fun Fest- Thank you, Jianna & Nita!! Spent: \$590 Earned: \$670 donation Overall: \$80 income - Thank you Jianna and the VFV for the donation!!
- Holiday Shop: Thank you, Monica, Jill & Nikki!! Total spend:\$136.88 Profit total: Will have total at the next meeting.

*Special Thank you to all of the additional volunteers that helped out during the week with setup and shopping. We appreciate you all so much!

Request for next year - not to be the week after Thanksgiving

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Winter Farmers Market- 1/17: Jenny Neforos & Shauna Morrison
 - Proposal: need 6 volunteers for set up, distributing food and tear down starting at 12:30 - need donations of grapefruit, cauliflower, and cranberries. Jenny will donate decorations and set up.

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABAA2BA7FFC61-52318825-farmers>
- Educational Assembly with Outback Ray- 1/21: Monica Kallai & Tiffany Wagar
 - Proposal: \$850 (we have a \$50 coupon Tiffany will ask if it can be used). No volunteers needed - each about 50 min long. Committee leads will need to make arrangements to deliver payment to the presenter at the event.
- Conference Meal- 2/6: Brittany Balmat
 - Decision: 2/6/25 Donation from Chick-fil-A 1 large platter of chicken nuggets (feeds 25). Will also purchase sandwiches or wraps. Will serve the mac-n-cheese donation from Sandridge and provide a large tossed salad.
- Restaurant Night: Lauren Kozak
 - Proposal: Sub Station January 28 from 4p-8p. 15% donation with presented flyer
- Box Tops: Maggie Luth
 - Currently at: \$303.60
 - Sign up using referral code BWXD7415
 - Link your Walmart account
- Backpack Connection: Katie Heiple
 - A washer and dryer were donated!! Great job on making this happen Katie!! Thank you Mrs. Neuman for the detergent donation.
 - Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
 - Holiday Break: trying to send home 2 boxes of cereal/family for the break - currently have 42 boxes. When donating, please be cognizant of a cinnamon allergy.

Other Business & Announcements:

- Decision on 4th grade bus payment
 - Asking for \$2,625 - Mrs. Kelly - Hold on this until January
- Staff supplies - staplers/staples, push pins, etc.
 - Asking for \$300 - Jill Likens will create a list of items needed. Dani will put it together as a gift. Motion: Tiffany Wagar Second: Susan Smerekanich
 - Large Rolls of colored paper - Asking for \$1000 Motion: Tiffany Wagar Second: Brittany Balmat

Questions? New Ideas?

- Jill Munyon: Teacher request for the paper cutter to be sharpened. Might be able to find a contact through Buehler's - 4th grade teachers might have the contacts information - TBD
- Holiday Fun Fest: The photographer volunteered her services - she did a wonderful job. Proposal to make a \$200 donation to her. Motion: Dani Winwood Second: Tiffany Wagar

Closing:

10:30am Motion: Haley Mack Second: Mandi Yoak

Next Meeting Topics: 1/7/25 @ 6pm

- Winter Farmers Market- Jenny Neforos & Shauna Morrison
- Educational Assembly w/Outback Ray - Monica Kallai & Tiffany Wagar
- Book Fair - Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
- Bingo Night - Brittany Balmat & Lauren Kozak
- By-Laws annual update - Maggie Luth

Upcoming Dates:

- 12/20: Class Parties
- 12/23-1/6/25: No School
- 1/7: PTO Meeting 6p
- 1/17: Winter Farmers Market 12:30p
- 1/20: No School
- 1/21: Educational Assembly with Outback Ray 9:30am
- 1/28: Sub Station Restaurant Night 4-8p
- 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
- 3/4: Franklin PTO Meeting 6pm
- 3/10-3/21: Franklin PTO Spirit Wear Sale
- 3/21: Franklin Variety Show 6pm - OJ Work Auditorium
- 3/24: Franklin Variety Show In-School Performance
- 3/26: STEM Night & 3rd Grade Wax Museum 6pm
- 3/31-4/4: No School Spring Break