



Franklin PTO



Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2025 @ 9:30AM

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

Attendees: Jill Munyon, Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Brittany Balmat, Matt Hulme, Beth Keck, Kim Hewit, Ihesha Packer, Haley Mack, Monica Goetz, Nikki Holbrook, Sarah Crowley, Barb Crookes, Meagan Neuman, Dawn Tonge, Kristina Marias, Danielle Winwood

Call to order: 9:32am

Principal Report:

Thank you for conference meals, supplies and scholastic orders! They are still working on a STEM wishlist. The buses for the 4th Grade trip to Columbus will be paid for by the school district.

Staff Report:

Mr. Hulme: T-Shirts for the student teachers were greatly appreciated. STEM PDL day on Monday for staff. Big focus on getting everyone geared up and on the same page. Student teachers working on Right to Read Week - "America Runs on Reading"

Mrs. Marias: Dinner last night was wonderful. Providing shirts for student teachers is a great way to help students easily identify them as part of the teaching staff. Staff have been focused on transitioning from Ohio's science standards to the national standards.

Mrs. Crookes: Thank you for the very thoughtful birthday gift. It was such a nice surprise.

Mrs. Neumann: Thank you to PTO families for the books, tumbler, notebook, etc for National School Counseling Week. Mrs. Neuman distributed emotional support taco keychains to each student, featuring the message: "It's okay to fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart, and we still love them." She is planning a book talk for parents featuring *The Anxious Generation*. The event is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2025. Girls on the Run registration is underway. There are currently two adult coaches and three junior coaches. Additional spots for participants may become available—more information to follow. Fourth-grade students will participate in a career partnership event with Wadsworth Four Cities Compact, where they will visit various stations to learn about different careers. This marks the second year of the program.

Board Reports:

President - Maggie Luth

- Seeking volunteers for the scholarship committee—please contact Maggie if interested. There is a total of \$1,000 available for scholarships, which has typically been distributed to two former Franklin students in the past.

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- Thank you for all of the volunteer help

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 70

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of January meeting minutes. Motion: Danielle Winwood Second: Lauren Kozak
- Thank You's sent for Donations - about \$70: Jill Stevens (WCS Board Member), The Menser Family, The Wildroutd Family

Treasurer - Monica Goetz

- Ending January balance: \$11,892.05
- Please send all digital receipts to: franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com

Treasurer-Elect - Samantha Martin

- View current budget:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WyYvx7GDWATxUAKwliBI66NEJv_pJmVL/view?usp=sharing

Committee Head/PTO Liaison - Nikki Holbrook

- None

Recaps:

- Winter Farmers Market: cranberries, cauliflower and grapefruit. Thank you, volunteers! Maggie will forward the bar graphs to staff to share with students.
- Sub Station Night - \$160
- Conference Meal- Thank you Chick-Fil-A and Brittany!
- Ordered STEM shirts for student teachers.

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Spring Dance: Monica Kallai & Kim Hewit
 - Proposal: April 11 6p-7:30p
 - Similar to last year with Spirit items - cinch bag with Grizzly logo, pompoms, tattoos, red beads, hand clappers, small foam fingers, thunder stick. Bags will be pre-packed to make entry faster. Snacks: cookies, drinks and a coffee truck (light snacks instead of a meal). Planning for 200 kids (last year was 150). DJ has been booked (\$200). Currently over budget by \$215. We could charge for the event to help cover the costs.
 - Decision - approved to move forward with purchases and charge for the event. Will do a ticket lottery system for those who need assistance - Mrs. Neumann will distribute these. PTO will also provide 1-2 tickets/classroom for teachers to distribute to students. Lauren will ask for high school volunteers (pass out bags, clean up). Kim will work with Nikki on marketing.
 - Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-franklin-pto-spring-dance>
- Educational Program with Outback Ray: Monica Kallai & Tiffany Wagar
 - Moved to March 4th due to cold weather school closing
- Bingo Night: Brittany Balmat & Lauren Kozak
 - Decision: February 12th 6-7:30pm - Free Event
 - Coordinating with Ms. Linn to request student council help - bingo callers and refreshment workers
 - Play up to 2 games per card
 - Prizes for winners: croc charms, erasers, gift cards
 - Digital game cast onto smartboard - https://letsplaybingo.io/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
 - Refreshments: water, juice boxes, popcorn, chips
 - Received about \$70 in donations towards the event thus far
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3CqL2zr>
 - Donate: <https://bit.ly/3PXc1FO>
- Book Fair: Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
 - Spent \$2,527 in scholastic dollars when they had 25% off. We purchased book bundles, 3D magnets, Picasso Magnet cubes, Translucent Magnets

- Current Scholastic Dollar balance \$2,141.50
- Decision: February 21-27
 - February 21: set up after 11am, staff to make wish lists
 - February 24: 11:50 1st grade special person lunch
 - February 25: 11:00 3rd grade special person lunch; 12:15 4th grade special person lunch
 - February 26: 11:25 2nd grade special person lunch; 12:40 k special person lunch
 - February 27: 9:30 student & staff shop; orders rectified; deliver wish lists; tear down
- Circus Theme - committee will decorate on February 21 during school day - borrowing decor from Lincoln Elementary. Requesting 4 volunteers to help
- Purchasing table cloths for the lunch tables - will put them \$40 over budget.
- Need a list of staff/teacher names for the wish lists - Mr. Hulme will help with this
- Will need extra volunteers for all 4 registers and help with shopping/keep the fair looking organized
- Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4ggdba5>
- Classroom Library Donations: <https://bit.ly/3PXwydj>
- Variety Show: Jenny Neforos & Susan Smerekanich
 - Schedule
 - Practice 1: February 27 from 3:30pm-5pm at Franklin
 - Practice 2: March 5 from 3:30pm-5pm at Franklin
 - Practice 3: March 11 from 3:30pm-5pm at Franklin
 - Dress Rehearsal: March 18 from 5pm-7pm at OJ Work Auditorium (mandatory)
 - Show Night: March 19 at 6:00pm at OJ Work Auditorium
 - In-School Performance: March 24
 - So far we have 6 acts signed up and 6 Fourth Graders to emcee
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3PVrJ4a>
 - Act sign up: <https://bit.ly/4hzD31H>
 - 4th Grade Emcee sign up: <https://bit.ly/40C4Uro>
- Hospitality - State Testing: Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
 - Decision: April 15 & 24
 - Have great notes from last year, just need a headcount. Will have snacks for the staff this year. Prepackaged bags of snacks for the kids. Will have to set up and tear down twice.
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3WA1q7I>
- Box Tops: Maggie Luth
 - Currently at: \$479.10
 - Sign up using referral code BWXD7415
 - It's coordinator month if anyone wants to sign up for this.
- Backpack Connection: Katie Heiple
 - Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
 - Now have 13 students
 - Could use more grocery bags to use for packaging food

Other Business & Announcements:

- Decision on 4th grade field trip bus - district has approved buses!
- Water Cooler request for staff lounge - \$500. Motion: Haley Mack Second: Beth Keck
- By-Laws Annual Review & Proposed Changes - Vote to approve any changes will be at the March PTO meeting.
 - Do we want to keep the “elect” positions? Voted to keep it, and it’s not a problem if it doesn’t get filled.
 - Biggest changes
 - Parent to parent/guardian to better speak to our demographic
 - Teacher to staff to better encompass the entire school
 - Added social media policy - only post Franklin PTO or Elementary events, fundraisers, and news
 - Added language to encompass both digital and paper copy files
 - Changed accounts receivable and payable to net 30
- STEM and Recess Equipment wish lists to come from Mrs. Kelly
- Surprise Soup Day - 2/18/25
- Teacher door signs update - Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook



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- Currently need 14 - PTO will make 24 to have some extras. Will look into making Gym/Music/Art
- STEM 4th Grade project - 3D printer - check with Mrs. Simmons to make sure they don’t duplicate this.

Questions? New Ideas?

Closing: 10:38 Motion: Haley Mack Second: Nikki Holbrook

Next Meeting Topics: 3/4/25 @ 6pm

- Variety Show- Jenny Neforos & Susan Smerekanich
- Spring Dance - Monica Kallai & Kim Hewit
- State Testing - Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
- Wellness Week - Beth Keck
- Spring Farmers Market - Jenny Neforos & Shauna Morrison

- Walk-a-Thon: Monica Goetz

Upcoming Dates

- 2/12: [Bingo Night 6-7:30p](#)
- 2/14: Class Parties
- 2/17: No School
- [2/24-2/27: Book Fair & Special Person Lunches](#)
- 2/27: Variety Show Practice 3:30p-5p
- 3/4: Outback Ray Assembly
- 3/4: PTO Meeting 6p
- 3/5: Variety Show Practice 3:30p-5p
- 3/11: Variety Show Practice 3:30p-5p
- 3/18: Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 5p-7p - OJ Work Auditorium
- [3/19: Variety Show 6p-8p - OJ Work Auditorium](#)
- 3/24: Variety Show In-School Performance
- 3/26: STEM Night & 3rd Grade Wax Museum 6p
- 3/31-4/4: No School Spring Break
- 4/11: PTO Meeting 9:30a
- [4/11: Spring Dance 6-7:30p](#)
- [4/15: No School K-2; State Testing](#)
- 4/18: No School
- [4/24: No School K-2; State Testing](#)
- 4/28-5/2: Wellness Week
- 4/30: Career Day
- 5/1: Spring Farmers Market
- 5/2: Walk-a-Thon