



Franklin PTO



Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2025 @ 9:30AM

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

Attendees: Mrs. Crookes, Ms. Laib, Mrs. Likens, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Pegrim, Ms. Linn, Mrs. Sypherd, Mrs. Marias, Ms. Crowley, Mrs. Chada, Ms. Madden, Mrs. Neumann, Tiffany Wagar, Jill Munyon, Monica Goetz, Haley Mack, Katie Heiple, Nikki Holbrook, Lauren Kozak, Dani Winwood, Maggie Luth, Brittany Balmat, Mandi Yoak, Beth Keck, Susan Smerekanich, Dawn Tonge, Samantha Martin, Ashley McCool

Call to order: 9:31am

Principal Report:

- Mural Update: quote needs to be sent to the school board for review and Mrs. Kelly will round back with total cost and timing.
- State Testing: Thank you for the snacks. This is the 3rd year with 2 testing dates. Want to give all students the best plan for success with individual plans for their best testing environment. Some will be testing on alternative days. Scores will come back at the end of May. Mrs. Kelly will pass out snacks on the appropriate day for each child. PTO will leave the table set up.
- Akron Rubber Ducks Franklin Night: Only 4th graders are singing this year along with Isham students. Franklin will receive \$5 for every ticket sold.
- Career Day: Still have a few spots to fill. Lunch will be provided to presenters.
- Volunteer Breakfast: Invites to come soon. It will be right before next month's PTO meeting.
- Mrs. Kelly visited a STEM school in Columbus yesterday. Their Library was a Library STEM museum that had old technology that students can come in and use. They had very cool PBL displays in the hallways that she'd love to replicate. The building was extremely interactive. It was a great experience visiting a school so similar to ours.
- There will be three 1st-grade classrooms and three 2nd-grade classrooms. New 2nd-grade and 4th-grade teachers.
- Mrs. Kelly's newsletters will be sent on Mondays going forward.
- Changing Field Day - will have Parent volunteers (6 per class) who follows their class through each station. All games are changing and Bigger group events - example: 3rd & 4th grade kickball game. Fire Truck will still be coming.

Staff Report:

- Mrs. Crookes (intervention specialist) - Thank you for the read aloud classroom books for the Resource Room
- Mrs. Likens (3rd grade) - Thank you for your support through my booster request. It will be a huge help towards the wax museum and books. The kids always look forward to doing this in 3rd grade
- Ms. Laib (2nd grade) - thank you for our booster support and all of the additional things you do with learning experiences and supplies
- Mrs. Sypherd, Mrs. Pegrim & Mrs. Marias (1st grade) - plants are growing. Always looking for donations of soil, compost, seeds, grow lights, etc. Teachers will make a list

and send it to the Franklin PTO email. These are new teaching standards they are using, so supplies are greatly appreciated. The plan is to move the plants outside to a greenhouse. They have a farming robot to help with one, and the kids will care for the other. Hoping to move the garden boxes to the front of the school.

- Ms. Crowley & Mrs. Chada (kindergarten) - thank you for everything. Graduation is coming up soon. Kids are so excited for the Spring Dance tonight.
- Ms. Madden (intervention specialist) - will be at the dance to help tonight. This is the best PTO she's ever been around - you are so present and supportive for the kids and staff. Thank you for the books and for making my first year so great!

Board Reports:

President - Maggie Luth

- Booster Update: 12 of 18 have been paid. Still have a few teachers who need to turn in their requests.
- Shopping today for the Scholastic sale, \$6,276 is the current balance

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- If anyone needs high school senior volunteers, please let me know asap!

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 72 - added 2 from last month

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of March meeting minutes. Motion: Tiffany Second: Haley

Treasurer - Monica Goetz

- Ending March balance: \$7,032.49
- Please send all receipts to franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com
 - Make sure to label what the purchase was for

Treasurer-Elect - Samantha Martin

- Current budget:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q5qdiKBjrE6VA1IPPCSRNblgvZv7de3o/view?usp=sharing>
- 2025-2026 Budget Proposal:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeSO75bkh9Qz2cwB60fMkrtWmseAMdl7/view?usp=sharing>
- We came into this school year with a large surplus, so when this year's budget was created, we were allowed to spend more. We no longer have an excess going into next year, so we need to narrow down what we will be doing next year. Want to make sure we're focusing on the events that people really love. Proposal to change the December event to Parents' Night Out instead of Holiday Fun Fest to make it an income-generating event instead of a break-even event. Lincoln has done this event with a lot of success, so we are still looking to them for some guidance.
- Tiffany suggests an amendment for 4th grade shirt budget. Can they wear their Franklin shirt that they get at the beginning of the year? Could the 4th graders shirt have their names on the back of the year.
- Variety Show - Mrs. Kelly wants to do it next year and take on the cost, but is requesting back-end help from PTO. A no-cost event for PTO.
- Please reach out to Samantha if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. We still have one month to finalize.
- Will have Walk-A-Thon numbers updated for next year by the next meeting.

Committee Head - Nikki Holbrook

- Huge thank you to all of our volunteers!

Recaps:

- Variety Show: spent \$102.96 on decor, \$68.05 on flowers, \$30 for songs; donations \$235. The event was fantastic!
- Indoor/Outdoor Recess Equipment: \$1,296.07. The equipment is being used every day and enjoyed by the kids!!
- Staff Door Signs: \$25. Will need to make a few more for new teachers next year.
- Scholarship Committee: selected two scholarship recipients (1 boy and 1 girl); presenting the scholarships on May 15 at senior scholarship night.

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Spring Dance: Monica Kallai & Kim Hewit
 - Decision: April 11th 6p-7:30p
 - Total spend: \$1,027.60 for DJ and giveaways + \$309.52 for snacks (cookies, chips, water, juice boxes) and pizza + \$4.22 for paper products; Total \$1,291.36
 - Attendee count: 122 students (\$1,235)
 - Still seeing ticket purchases as of this morning.
 - Donations: \$175 (included in total income above)
 - HS Seniors are coming to help tonight.
 - Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4kcJkmb>
- Hospitality - State Testing: Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
 - Decision: April 15 & 24
 - Prepackaged snacks for students + snacks for staff
 - Hard candies and foods that have been in studies showing they help with focus and testing. Printed motivational signs to hang up and support students. Some snacks will be in the Lounge for teachers.
 - Donations: \$160 Mrs. Kelly will send the donation link to teachers to send out in the classroom newsletters.
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3WA1q7I>
 - Donate: <https://bit.ly/437IBO8>
- Wellness Week: Beth Keck & Susan Smerekanich
 - Decision: 4/28-5/2/25
 - Monday: 10-minute exercise video led by PTO to get kids excited about Wellness Week at the Monday assembly
 - Tuesday: decorate a water bottle at lunch; cost \$325 for water bottles + \$27.98 for stickers. Will be looking for volunteers for this.
 - Wednesday: Career Day wellness speakers; Pat Starkey from 9:30 - 11:00
 - Flyer is ready for distribution
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4kWTA2p>
- Spring Farmers Market: Jenny Neforos & Shauna Morrison
 - Decision: 5/1/25
 - Snap peas, radishes, and pineapple
 - Asking for volunteers on the day of, and monetary donations for the food
 - Jenny will be purchasing all the produce
 - Students mark each item on their tracker and turn in the tracker to create a graph by class of favorite to least favorite item

- Staff to encourage kids to bring their water bottles with them to the cafeteria.
- Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4kJyNz4>
- Donate: <https://bit.ly/4kKCdle>
- Walk-a-Thon: Monica Goetz, Jill Munyon & Lauren Kozak
 - Decision: 5/2/25 from 9:15am-1pm
 - Donate a flat rate or per lap
 - Need volunteers to help create the balloon arch and mark trackers day of
 - Trackers are printed and labeled by student
 - Each grade will have an envelope to stuff the trackers in at the end of their walk so we can input into 99 pledges for accurate donation counts
 - Schedule has been made
 - Fundraiser page: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/2025franklin>
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3Frg9vW>
- Staff Appreciation Week: Jenny Neforos & Nita Kollar
 - Decision: 5/5/25-5/9/25
 - Wicked theme
 - Decoration Cost: guessing about \$150
 - Food Cost: \$680
 - Food
 - Monday: Mrs Kelly - pizza and salad
 - Tuesday: Jimmy John's(two 30-pack boxes), potato salads, and Nothing Bundt Cakes- Cost \$150
 - Thursday: Casa taco bar- Taco meat, shredded chicken, beans, rice, chips, salsa, lettuce, sour cream, and cheese- Sam's club cookie tray cost \$350- delivery 11am
 - Wednesday: Mrs Kelly - snacks
 - Friday: Pulled pork sandwiches, pickles, red onion, buns, and Sweet Baby Rays BBQ with Sandridge macaroni Salad, Sam's brownies- Cost \$180
 - Families to donate staff's favorite drinks, candy, and snacks from the staff outreach survey
 - Volunteer and donate: <https://bit.ly/43Gim0o>
- 4th grade event: Mandi Yoak & Tiffany Wagar
 - Decision: 5/8 from 5p-8p at Grizzly Arcade
 - Arcade will be unlimited play. Can pay the day of. They will have tickets for the games and prizes. Their prize center is open now. The kids will rotate in 3 groups: food, games, separate game, with prizes, provided by Grizzly Arcade.
 - Food is still being finalized - pizza/ice cream.
 - 52 kids total in 4th grade
 - Sign-ups for chaperones will come.
 - RSVP by May 1: <https://forms.gle/ZNe6YNanacokrwDC6>
- Hospitality Ice Cream Social: Nikki Holbrook & Dani Winwood
 - Proposal: 5/13 from 6pm-7:30pm
 - Using decor from last year.
 - Looking into last year's ice cream order. Plan on sticking to the same items.
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4bLpVoA>
- Kindergarten Graduation: Jianna Jinks & Ashley Yoder
 - Proposal: 5/28 at 9:45am

- Decor - proposal for paper runner that the kids can decorate. Suggestions for a different idea.
- Ask Nikki/Lauren to update "portrait" section & certificates
- PTO will take pictures of each student in cap and gown
- Mrs. Kelly will do a video for the beginning
- 4th Grade Shirts, Recognition & Clap Out: Mandi Yoak & Tiffany Wagar
 - Proposal: 5/29 at 2pm (recognition) and 5/30 at 3pm (clap out)
 - Shirt cost: \$417 (\$6.95/shirt)
 - Mrs. Kelly has received many parent concerns about the clap-out time because 6th grade (CIS) clap out is also at 3pm. Decision - move 4th grade to 2:30pm. Will give them extra time to have time to say goodbyes in the classroom.
- Box Tops: Maggie Luth
 - Currently at: \$577.60
 - Sign up using referral code BWXD7415
- Backpack Connection: Katie Heiple
 - Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
 - Now have 15 students
 - Running low on fruit snacks, pudding cups. Would like to include freeze pops, a box of cereal, and special treats, toothpaste for the end of the year bag.

Other Business & Announcements:

- Ms. Linn's Retirement: Nikki
 - No cards have come in. Hoping to get a few
 - Still trying to collect more pictures. Currently, there are 75 pictures in the album
 - Due date April 25
 - Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oyuK4wXnFjo5yPJw8>
- Board Elections: Maggie, Tiffany, Mandi
 - President - Maggie
 - 1st VP - Lauren
 - 2nd VP - Dani
 - Secretary - Brittany
 - Treasurer - Samantha
 - Voting - All in favor - Motion has passed
 - Installments will be next month
- Student Needs purchase update: Maggie
 - Mrs. Neumann and Mrs. Kelly will create a wishlist

Questions? New Ideas?

- How do we know when/how to submit program donations? Fine Arts and Transportation are no longer done. WCGF usually sends an email request for these.

Closing: Time: 10:57 Motion: Mandi Yoak Second: Jill Munyon

Next Meeting Topics: 5/9/25 @ 9:30am

- Ice Cream Social: Dani Winwood & Nikki Holbrook
- Kindergarten Graduation: Jianna Jinks & Ashley Yoder

- 4th Grade Recognition & Clap Out: Tiffany Wagar & Mandi Yoak
- Install the 2025-2026 Board: Maggie Luth
- Vote in the 2025-2026 Budget: Samantha Martin
- 2025 Educational assembly

Upcoming Dates:

- [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](#)
- [4/25: Franklin Akron Rubber Ducks Night](#)
- [4/28-5/2: Wellness Week](#)
- 4/30: Career Day
- [5/1: Spring Farmers Market](#)
- [5/2: Walk-a-Thon](#)
- 5/2-5/3: Fine Arts Festival at Wadsworth Middle School - Time TBD
- [5/5-5/9: Staff Appreciation Week](#)
- 5/8: 4th Grade Event 6-8pm at Grizzly Arcade
- 5/9: PTO Meeting 9:30a
- 5/9: Volunteer Breakfast at 8:45a
- [5/13: Spring Open House & Ice Cream Social 6-7:30pm](#)
- 5/14: 4th Grade Fine Arts School Performance
- 5/15: Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
- 5/16: 4th Grade Columbus Trip
- 5/21: 3rd Grade Camp Christopher
- 5/21: Kindergarten Wadsworth Community Field Trip
- 5/23: Field Day
- 5/26: No School
- 5/28: Kindergarten Graduation at 9:45a
- 5/29: 4th Grade Recognition at 2p
- 5/30: 4th Grade Clap Out at 3p
- 5/30: Student's Last Day of School
- 6/2: Teacher's Last Day
- 6/9: Ms. Keith's Last Day
- 6/13: Mrs. Kelly's Last Day