



Franklin PTO



Meeting Agenda

May 9, 2025 @ 9:30AM

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

Attendees: Tiffany Wagar, Lauren Kozak, Nikki Holbrook, Maggie Luth, Jill Munyon, Mandi Yoak, Katie Heiple, Susan Smerekanich, Staci Wittig, Monica Goetz, Amanda Kitzmiller, Brittany Balmat, Dani Winwood, Mrs. Kelly, Nita Kollar, Dawn Tonge

Call to order: 9:36 am

Principal Report:

- Ice Cream Social & Open House - Mrs. Kelly received approval to purchase 2 greenhouses to be installed outside. They will be moving the raised garden beds to the front of the school, and behind the school they will be planting wildflowers and pumpkins. Families will be able to plant during the Open House. The 4th Graders are working on 3-D printed items that each class needs. Next year they will be utilizing this equipment for 3rd & 4th Grades.
- STEM Lab - due to changes in classrooms next year, the STEM Lab must be relocated within the building. The cafeteria will have a partition wall and STEM Lab will be on the back half.
- New Teachers next year - Lindsay Miller, Intervention Specialist from the Middle School, and Megan Letner, 2nd teacher from Isham.
- Field Day - New format this year - more traditional "old-school" field day activities. Start the day with a Staff vs. 4th grade kickball game. Parent volunteers can stay with their students the whole day. If your classroom volunteer list is full, contact Mrs. Kelly and she can add more volunteer spots. Really need help with lunch coverage for the teachers. Items needed: new tug of war rope, ring toss and 3-legged race items. Mrs. Kelly will work with the PTO on this purchase.
- Mural update - it's been approved and will be worked on this summer. The artist will be at the school Tues. 5/20 and will work with each class to make their clay pieces. He'll work on it all summer and will be installed by the start of next school year. Vote to approve budget - Vote Passed to approve \$2309.
- Rubber Ducks rain date: May 9 - 4th Graders will be singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame
- 4th Grade Clap Out - Has been moved back to the original date. Mrs. Kelly apologized for any confusion this caused.

Staff Report:

- Mrs. Neumann: student need items - no additional items needed at this time
- Last call for Staff Booster, We have received 15 of 19
- Mr. Hulme - many thanks for all that you've done for us throughout the years!

Board Reports:

President - Maggie Luth

- Scholarship Night May 15
- End of year dinner celebration May 27 - 6pm - planning to meet at the new pocket park downtown if the weather is nice. Back up location TBD
- Fine Arts Festival, Transportation Lunch & WGCF. WGCF - PTO will make a \$100 donation, as we've done in the past.

- Cavs Ticket money received this week \$172/school
- Thank you to everyone for a fantastic year - run down of our amazing accomplishments!

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- Thank you all for a great year! I truly appreciate all our volunteers and donors.
- End of year surveys - Chairs survey, Staff survey, Franklin Family survey (will combine with Mrs. Kelly)

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 72
- Thank you to all of our members for making this a wonderful year.

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of April meeting minutes. Motion: Lauren Second: Dani
- Thank You's sent to: Spring Dance & State Testing donors, Spring Dance high school volunteers, Garden donations, Staff Appreciation donations, farmers market donations

Treasurer - Monica Goetz

- Ending April balance: \$6,531.76
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lg6fH5au7GEjhIOTIpcjAEFH0M3T-GqY/view?usp=sharing>
- Booster update
 - Gorsuch- request for posters about composers they are studying in music class - \$101 request - Vote Passed
 - Thompson & Whitmire - Boosters within \$100 allowance so checks were written
- Please send all receipts to franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com
 - Make sure to label what the purchase was for

Treasurer-Elect - Samantha Martin

- Vote in 2025-2026 Budget - Vote Passed

Committee Head - Nikki Holbrook

- Thank you to all the Chairs and Co-Chairs that I have gotten to work with this year.
- Thank you, Haley Mack and Shaunna Morrison, for helping the entire school year with Staff Outreach

Recaps:

- Spring Dance: roughly 122 students, \$1,235 income (including \$175 in donations), \$1,291.36 spent
- State Testing: \$185 in donations, \$446.36 spent
- Franklin Garden: \$305 in donations, purchased the entire wishlist
- Wellness Week: \$352.98 spent
- Spring Farmers Market: \$80 in donations, \$89.99 spent (\$76 food, \$13.99 backdrop)
- Walk-a-Thon: raised \$7,216.85
- Staff Appreciation: \$260 in donations, \$857.91 spent (\$714.42 food + \$143.49 decor)
- 4th Grade Event: \$601.12 spent. The event was a great success and so much fun at the new Wadsworth Arcade. The Wadsworth Arcade did an amazing job hosting our event. We will post pictures/videos on our Facebook page and recognize their business, and will send a thank you card.
- Scholastic Recap: Purchased birthday books, bookmarks, and bracelets. BOB books for the rooms and a magnetic pack. Spent \$2,129.92; \$4,146.70 remaining balance.
- Ms. Linn's Retirement Gift: \$61.45 on Shutterfly
- Staff Outreach: Principals Day, Administrative Professionals Day, School Nurses Day, and remaining staff birthdays have been completed

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Hospitality Ice Cream Social: Nikki Holbrook & Dani Winwood
 - Decision: 5/13 from 6pm-7:30pm
 - Using decor from last year - purchased balloons for the event.
 - Spend: \$25.93 on decor + \$170 on ice cream
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4bLpVoA>
- Kindergarten Graduation: Jianna Jinks & Ashley Yoder
 - Decision: 5/28 at 9:45am
 - Decor: Balloon arches and banners
 - Certificates purchased and delivered to Ashley
 - PTO will take pictures of each student in a cap and gown
 - Mrs. Kelly will do a video for the beginning
 - Spend: \$128.67 Amazon Decor and certificates Food: still waiting on totals
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3RjRibS>
- 4th Grade Shirts, Recognition & Clap Out: Mandi Yoak & Tiffany Wagar
 - Decision: 5/29 at 2pm (recognition) and 5/30 at 3pm (clap out)
 - Shirt cost: \$417 (\$6.95/shirt)
 - Spend: \$333.74
 - Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/4jwUu41>
- Box Tops: Maggie Luth
 - Currently at: \$649.20
 - Sign up using referral code BWXD7415
- Backpack Connection: Katie Heiple
 - Had a great year! Will be sending home nice bags for the summer. No donations needed for the clothing closet
 - Request: Ice pops - PTO will use remaining Student Needs Budget to purchase
 - Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
- 2025 Educational Assembly: Nikki Holbrook
 - Budget is \$1,200 for next year
 - Hooked on Science - Hands on science experiments, Kitchen STEM, Adventure STEM Lab, Pokemon Science - \$500 + travel fees = \$1000 total. Can also do a family night for an additional \$300. If another school books too, the travel fee is waived. PTO will write details on this presentation and Mrs Kelly will send to the other Principals in the district
 - Wonder Wheels BMX - \$700 + Traveling Fees. if another school in the district would book for the same day, both schools would get \$100 discount
 - Vote: PTO approved Hooked on Science will request to have it in September

Other Business & Announcements:

- Proposal to buy a few new soccer balls for recess- Dani
 - Will request donations from Franklin families.
 - If we don't receive donations, we will request it at the start of next year.
- Halloween Costumes - collecting for the clothing closet for students who may need them next year. Will accept costumes of all sizes.
- Thank you for a wonderful year and install the 2025-2026 Board: Maggie Luth

Questions? New Ideas?

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Closing: Time: 10:36 Motion: Lauren Second: Tiffany

Next Meeting Topics: 6/2/25 @ 9:30am

- Board meeting with Mrs. Kelly to complete the 2025-2026 calendar

Upcoming Dates:

- [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
- 5/15: 1st Grade Field Trip to Oenslager Nature Center
- 5/16: 4th Grade Columbus Trip
- 5/21: Kindergarten Wadsworth Community Field Trip
- 5/23: Field Day
- 5/26: No School Memorial Day
- [5/28: Kindergarten Graduation at 9:45a](#)
- 5/28: 1st Grade Field Trip to Bird Street Park
- [5/29: 4th Grade Recognition at 2p](#)
- 5/29: 1st Grade Field Trip to University of Akron Field Station
- [5/30: 4th Grade Clap Out at 3p](#)
- 5/30: Students' Last Day of School
- 6/2: Teacher's Last Day
- 6/9: Ms. Keith's Last Day
- 6/13: Mrs. Kelly's Last Day