



Franklin PTO

Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2026

Board Members: Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Danielle Winwood,
Brittany Balmat, Samantha Martin



Attendees

- In Person: Samantha Martin, Lauren Kozak, Maggie Luth, Dawn Tonge, Nikki Holbrook, Jill Munyon, Brittany Balmat, Dani Winwood, Beth Keck, Mrs Simmons, Mrs Kelly, Ms Laib, Mrs Neumann, Mrs Likens, Mrs Piefer, Mrs Letner, Amanda Kitzmiller, Susan Smerekanich
- Online: Trish Cerveny, Nita Kollar, Haley Mack

Call to Order

- 9:30 AM Motion: Jill Second: Brittany

Principal Report

- Recaps
 - Variety Show - great success!
 - STEM Night - loved having STEM Night, Open House and Wax Museum all together. Teachers really preferred this set up as well.
- Upcoming
 - Casa del Rio Dine to Donate
 - April 21 all day
 - 20% of sales go to Franklin Elementary School (dine in or carry out)
 - Career Day
 - April 30 from 9a-11a -still finalizing the logistics
 - Kindergarten Prom
 - May 13 from 10a-11a - Parents will be invited to this event.
 - Rubber Ducks Game
 - May 15 at 7:17pm
 - Purchase tickets: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Franklin515>
 - Field Day
 - May 20 from 9a-12p
 - Need item wishlist to order
 - State Testing is in full swing

Staff Reports

- Quiver app update - the Treasury Dept declined the approval of this request
- Mrs Neuman - Thank you for all that you do for the staff and students. It helps to make this such a happy place to be!

Board Reports

President - Maggie Luth

- Booster Update: 13 of 23 paid
- Yearly documents sent to Dr. Hill (Insurance, Budget, Board Members, etc)
- Vote to approve next year's board Motion: Jill Second: Beth
 - President: Maggie Luth
 - 1st VP: Lauren Kozak
 - 2nd VP: Dani Winwood
 - Secretary: Brittany Balmat
 - Treasurer: Samantha Martin
- PTO end-of-year gathering: April 21, 12 p.m. @ Casa; May 27 at 7pm - Location TBD

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- Call for committee chairs for next year. Lauren has the full list that she can share. If there are any committees you did this year and want to lead them again, let her know
- Fine Arts Festival
 - April 24 from 4p-9p & April 25 from 10a-4p @ WMS
 - Flyers from the Art Department will be sent home soon alerting parents if their student has art that will be displayed in the Art Show

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 52 family members, 23 staff members, 75 total
- Membership link: <https://bit.ly/4dohJeM>

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of March meeting minutes. Motion: Nikki Second: Beth
- Thank yous sent to Book Fair volunteers, Haircut volunteers, Variety Show volunteers
- please let me know if you have any that you want sent out

Treasurer - Samantha Martin

- Ending March balance: \$5,974 (includes our \$3k balance requirement); \$6,100 projected end of school year balance (does not include the Funnel Ball purchase that is being considered)
- Present 2026-2027 Budget Proposal - Will be approved during the May PTO Meeting
 - Biggest Changes
 - Eliminating Mrs Kelly's fundraisers
 - Will focus on 2 main fundraisers (Walk-A-Thon, Read-A-Thon) and share proceeds with Mrs Kelly.
 - Principal Fund line item - \$5,000 for Mrs Kelly's portion of the fund raising
- Funnel/Fun ball hoop installation & purchase - price has increased since we first started this discussion - \$1,511. Vote to approve additional cost, but wait to purchase until after we see what is raised during the Walk-A-Thon.
 - Motion: Jill Second: Susan
- Send all receipts within 3 days of your event/activity to franklinelementarytreasurer@gmail.com
 - Include the event your purchase is for & payment method (PTO Card, personal card, cash, etc.)

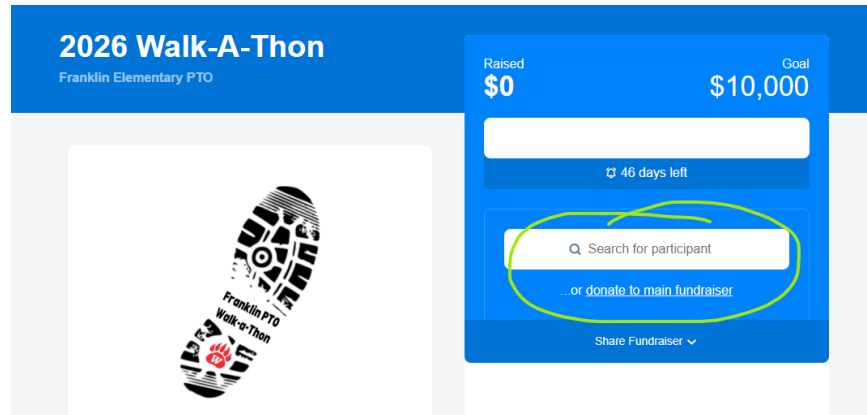
Recaps

- None

Committee Reports/Updates

- Backpack Connection (Katie H)
 - Amazon wishlist: <https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV>
 - Donation link: <https://bit.ly/3ImBRmz>
 - 19 students - reduced by 1 student. Mrs Neuman will email Katie Heiple so she is aware of the current count.
 - Can always use more breakfast and lunch items
- Sensory room project (Nikki)
 - Have completed a lot of the Sensory Room. Still working on assembling the Sensory Wall and Heavy Lifting station.
 - Need to get the final cost of pull up bar for the heavy lift area
- Scholarships (Beth)
 - Recipients have been selected
 - Board created certificates, purchased frames and cut checks
 - Beth writing and giving speech at the May 14th scholarship night
- Spring Dance (Katie P)
 - April 10 from 6p-7p
 - Food truck (The Dirty Robber) for families to purchase if they want
 - Cost: DJ \$200, Photobooth \$250, Decor \$72.81 - total \$522.81
- Testing Snacks (Dani)
 - April 16 & 23
 - Reminder no school for K-2 these days
 - Will do pre-made bags like last year, plan to assemble after the April PTO meeting.
 - Costs: Amazon \$45.21, Sams Club \$420.32, Aldi - produce - will be purchased next week
- Walk-A-Thon (Lauren)
 - Friday, May 8
 - 9:15-10:00: 1st Grade
 - 10:00-10:45: Kindergarten
 - 10:45-11:30: 4th Grade
 - 11:30-12:15: 2nd Grade
 - 12:15-1:00: 3rd Grade
 - No need to sign up, just show up to cheer on students and mark laps
 - Requested the Grizzly blow-up for the start/finish line from Youth Football
 - Donation link: <https://bit.ly/4t5Q4pt>
 - Our fundraising goal is \$10,000! Donate per lap or flat rate

- Share the donation link with friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, etc.! Search for students by typing in first name and last initial in the search bar



- Staff Appreciation Week (Lauren & Maggie)
 - May 11-15
 - Theme: 90s
 - PTO provides lunches on Monday (Casa), Tuesday (Jimmy John's) & Wednesday (Water Main Grille); Mrs. Kelly provides lunches on Thursday and Friday
 - Need a budget increase of \$300 (but might not need to spend all of this based on the parent donations) to cover food costs Motion: Jill Second: Nikki
 - Looking for a few people to help set up daily food & do two pop ups
 - Working on a Dirty Soda bar
 - Sign up to stock the lounge: <https://bit.ly/47jMkIG> (paper products, drinks, snacks, etc)
 - Donation link: <https://bit.ly/4vfso40>
- 4th Grade Event (Jill & Brittany)
 - May 18 from 11a-2p at Grizzly Arcade
 - Cost: \$500 for Arcade, \$168.67 for food, \$30.53 for decor
 - RSVP link: <https://bit.ly/47O7vD5>
 - Will have 4 stations: arcade, food, game, craft
 - The flyer and permission slip will go home soon.
- 4th Grade Graduation & Clap Out (Jill & Brittany)
 - Graduation: May 22 at 1:45p
 - Clap Out: May 29 at 3p - will have a balloon arch for students to walk through
 - Cost: \$59.61 for food, \$197.60 for decor
 - Would like to have the stage pulled out for the risers to be used
 - Class photo (from the arcade event) will be printed and available for students to pick up with refreshments
 - Currently \$16 over budget for the 2 combined events

Other Business, Announcements & Questions

- Nikki booked the Holiday Shop for next year. Dates are December 7-11th - Natalie's Elf Shelf. By booking early they will donate decorations and \$200 for students to shop with.

Vote to Close

- 10:20am Motion: Susan Second: Nikki

Next Meeting Topic

- Walk-a-Thon
- Staff Appreciation Week
- 4th Grade Event
- 4th Grade Graduation & Clap Out
- Senior Scholarships

Upcoming Dates (PTO led events/initiatives are noted - other items are Franklin or district-led)

- **April**
 - **4/10:** PTO Spring Dance 6-7pm
 - **4/16:** State Testing - No School K-2
 - **4/21:** Casa del Rio Dine to Donate 11a-9p
 - **4/23:** State Testing - No School K-2
 - **4/24:** Fine Arts Festival @ WMS from 4p-9p
 - **4/25:** Fine Arts Festival @ WMS from 10a-4p
 - **4/30:** Career Day
- **May**
 - **5/1:** PTO Meeting 9:30am
 - **5/8:** PTO Walk-a-Thon
 - **5/11-5/15:** PTO Staff Appreciation Week
 - **5/14:** WHS Senior Scholarship Night
 - **5/15:** Akron RubberDucks Game 7:17pm
 - **5/18:** PTO 4th Grade Event @ Grizzly Arcade 11am-2pm
 - **5/20:** Field Day
 - **5/22:** PTO 4th Grade Graduation 1:45pm
 - **5/25:** No School (Memorial Day)
 - **5/29:** Last Day of School
 - PTO 4th Grade Clap Out 3pm