Franklin PTO

Meeting Agenda
October 2, 2026
Board Members: Maggie Luth, Lauren Kozak, Danielle Winwood, Brittany Balmat, Samantha Martin

Attendees

- In Person: Maggie Luth, Brittany Balmat, Nikki Holbrook, Susan Smerekanich, Cori Ehrich, Beth Keck, Mia Jack, Haley Mack, Amanda Kitzmiller
- Online: Nita Kollar, Trisha Cerveny

Call to Order

- 9:32 am Motion: Beth Second: Susan

Principal Report

- Fall Fest coming up
- Special Person Lunch - not many RSVP's yes, so Mrs Kelly will send a reminder on Sunday night
- McDonald's Night - made $150 on pie sales which goes directly back to the Student Council. McDonald's will be donating 20% of all sales from that night
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest: 10/5
- Thanksgiving Feast: canceled for this year. This has been removed from the PTO Calendar
- 10/15 STEM Spotlight School - visitors in the school to observe how we're operating as a STEM school. Students will be asked to wear their STEM shirts on this day.
- Dave Rider will be the substitute while Mrs Kelly's on maternity leave
- Thank you for purchasing the phonics app. We budgeted for 4 accounts but only needed 1 for the school

Staff Reports

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Board Reports

President - Maggie Luth

- Boosters: boosters are $150 this year
- Wadsworth Eagles People Helping People Event: October 22 at 5:45 pm. Maggie, Lauren and Mrs Kelly will be attending

1st Vice President (Volunteers) - Lauren Kozak

- Call for Committee Chairs
    - Spring Dance (April)
    - Staff Appreciation Week (May)
    - Rubber Ducks Game (May): Beth Keck

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Danielle Winwood

- Current members: 78
- Membership link: https://bit.ly/4qjMXKu

Secretary - Brittany Balmat

- Approval of September minutes Motion: Beth Second: Haley
- Thank you sent: Mia Jack and Farmer's market volunteers, WASA for soccer goal donation, Nathan Fagan & Erica Price for Backpack Donations, Nikki Holbrook for organizing the Educational Assembly and student haircuts, Jess Erne for student haircuts, Walk-A-Thon volunteers: Calli Schutte, Katie Pavlich, Wadsworth Youth Football & WHS, STEM Shirt & Spiritwear Committees
- Please let me know if you have any Thank Yous that you want sent out

Treasurer - Samantha Martin

- Ending September balance: $9,833.69 (includes our $3k balance requirement)
- We raised almost $7,000 over our goal - which is amazing! We'll be meeting with Mrs Kelly to discuss school needs, and future fundraising needs for this year
- 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

- Spiritwear Sale: income $583
- STEM Shirts: spent $2,022.45
- Pioneer Week: spent $533.86
    - The rate for the wagon was $450 this year and will be that rate going forward
- Farmers Market: spent $31.33
- Tailgator's Fundraiser: income $181.42
- Educational Assembly: spent $825
- Haircuts: $25 donated
- Walk-A-Thon: income $17,561.58
    - We had an incredible response - almost 60% participation. In the past our highest participation rate was 37%
    - Calli will make a video to share

Committee Reports/Updates

- Backpack Connection (Katie Heiple)
    - Amazon wishlist: https://amzn.to/3ZKxOGV
    - Donation link: https://bit.ly/3ImBRmz
    - 19 students
    - Received $155 in donations - which was used towards a Sam's Club order
    - There is a 4 day weekend coming up and will use more of our stock than normal. Trish will do a Facebook Post to share our donation links
- Fall Fest: 10/6 from 6-7pm (Joe Menser)
    - Trunk or Treat
    - Travelin' Tom's Coffee and Baked n' Loaded food trucks - hoping both will be donating a % of sales back to the PTO
    - Will have karaoke set up

    - Park on blacktop if decorating a trunk; park in parking lots and on street if just attending
    - Trunks: 21
    - Trunk-or-treaters: 112
    - RSVP: https://bit.ly/3VFMIy3
- Conference Meals (Brittany Balmat)
    - October 8 - set up by 11am
        - Donation from Sandridge & Jimmy John's
        - Chips, drinks, desserts and paper products - sign up: https://bit.ly/4yaAr3k
    - October 21 - set up by 3:45pm - Shannon is taking lead on this meal - plans are still being finalized
    - Plan for 40 people
- Bookfair & Special Person: 10/19 - 10/23 (Maggie & Samantha, Decorations-Dani)
    - 10/19 Set Up - 9a-11a
    - 10/20: K & 1st
    - 10/21: 4th
    - 10/22: 2nd & 3rd
    - 10/23: Tear Down
    - Theme: Under the Sea
    - Volunteer link: https://bit.ly/4xE3kni
    - eWallet Link: https://bit.ly/4iGlXDk
    - Classroom Donation Link: https://bit.ly/4yfZUbF
- Veterans Day Assembly (Dani Winwood)
    - November 6 at 9:30am
    - Working with Mrs Blaha on this event. PTO is providing decorations and refreshments
    - Flyers will be sent home to families to recognize their Veteran

Other Business, Announcements & Questions

- School Address - Make sure to use the following address: 200 RL Havens Crescent (Not Takacs Dr).
- Grizzly Academy Champions Drive - request to all WCS PTO's for donations. They don't have their own PTO and could use extra support. Their goal is to raise $6000.
    - Proposal to donate $500 - Motion: Haley Second: Nikki
    - We will also share on our PTO page to promote to families

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th

Vote to Close

- 10:10 AM Motion: Nikki Second: Susan

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

- **October**
    - **10/5:** Pumpkin Decorating Contest
    - **10/6:** PTO Fall Fest 6p-7p

- **10/8:** Conferences 8:10a-3:40p
- **10/8-10/9:** No School
- **10/15:** STEM Spotlight School
- **10/19-10/23:** PTO Book Fair & Special Person Lunches
  - **10/19:** Set Up
  - **10/20:** K & 1st Grade Shops
  - **10/21:** 4th Grade Shops
  - **10/22:** 2nd & 3rd Grade Shops
  - **10/23:** Tear Down
- **10/21:** Unity Day - Wear Orange
- **10/21:** Conferences 4:30p-8p
- **10/26-10/30:** Red Ribbon Week
  - **10/26:** wear neon or tie dye
  - **10/27:** wear a sports jersey or favorite team shirt
  - **10/28:** wear a superhero shirt
  - **10/29:** wear grizzly gear or pajamas
  - **10/30:** wear your costumes
- **10/30:** Halloween Class Parties
- **10/30:** Halloween Parade at 2:15p

- **November**
  - **11/2:** Family First Night (no homework)
  - **11/2:** PTO Casa del Rio Dine to Donate
  - **11/4:** PTO Meeting 9:30a
  - **11/5:** Conferences 11:30a-7p
  - **11/5:** No School
  - **11/6:** Veterans Day Assembly 9:30a
  - **11/26-11/30:** No School - Thanksgiving Break
- **December**
  - **12/2:** PTO Chipotle Night 4-8pm
  - **12/4:** PTO Meeting 9:30a
  - **12/7-12/11:** PTO Holiday Shop
  - **12/18:** Holiday Class Parties
  - **12/21-1/4:** No School