

FRANKLIN PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

5/30/2007

Executive Committee members present: Co-Chairs, Elizabeth Roll and Kim Freedman; Vice President, Eleanor Boschert; Secty., Walter Devine

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Elizabeth Roll, welcoming remarks and introductions by Elizabeth Roll, acknowledgment of the departures of Co-Chair Elizabeth Roll and Interim Principal Cam Larson, flowers presented to each by Co-Chair Kim Freedman

Introduction and welcome of Ruth Chapman, next years Principal by Cam Larson in his remarks.

New business:

Thanks expressed to the committee chairs of staff appreciation day and the walk for hunger, as well as the original works, connection, and CAS chairs.

Budget highlights presented by Co chairs and VP:

Very successful fund raising this year, spring auction and kindergarten soccer were singled out. Heather Dias and Melissa Denucci will be stepping down as chairs of this event, Heather expressed the need for folks to step forward now to get going on next years event as dates fill up and fundamental work on the event needs to be addressed at this time.

We will be putting an extra 5k into the playground fund this year bringing the total on hand to 30k- this led to a general discussion of the playground situation. Susan Boyer will be chairing / co-chairing a committee to look into what can be done and when to upgrade / replace the current playground(s) – at this point all options will be explored.

CAS co-chair Melanie Adler-Cohen presented a proposal for an additional \$1,300.00 raising their budget to \$11,000.00, costs have been escalating, and with an additional classroom will continue, a motion was made and seconded to vote on authorizing the additional funds and passed by hand vote unanimously, with several abstentions.

A vote to increase the field trip subsidy for this year from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 was also taken after a discussion of the program and how it works and passed without dissent.

Election of two new School Council members took place, and Carmen Pancerella and Melanie Adler-Cohen were elected.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the use of and oversight of the PTO Announcement list and the Franklin Parents Discussion List. A general guideline sheet for email lists and use

was circulated and discussed for some time, it was decided that the guidelines will be disseminated to the general school population both manually and electronically.

Cam Larson then spoke Thanking everyone for making his time hear so comfortable, he relayed that he believes classroom notification for next year will be handled in the same manner as last year with notification taking place in middle to late August.

He then revealed that we will be adding a class to the school next year, to a total of 20: 3K's; 1-K/1.; 3-1st; 4-2nd; 3-3rd; 3-4th; 3-5th. Also we will have 1 music teacher, 1 art teacher, 3 reach teachers, 3 F/T aides. And Central Admin is in the process of restoring art time and music time, 3rd grade will be doing the recorder program again. Gerri Rusillo will be moving to 2nd grade

Ruth Chapman was then introduced and spoke, she will be here observing and visiting on the 4th.

The permanent principal search will begin sooner rather than later.

Tag sale is Saturday, volunteers are still needed from 7:00 on.

A new program in concert with NSTAR was discussed involving energy efficient light bulbs, more information will be provided

The guest speakers were thanked as were the retiring board members, and after brief closing remarks the meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Kim Freedman.