

# **FRANKLIN PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

## **9/28/2006**

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

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Elizabeth Roll, welcoming remarks and introductions by Elizabeth and Kim.

Review of mission statement and our goals

Dues discussed and the family fun pass option also explained

Information sources discussed, flyers, list serve, pto website and the connection all reviewed

Budget discussion began with an introduction of the new Mini – Grant program where-by staff can apply for grants ranging from \$50.00 - \$600.00

Fiscal 06-07 proposed budget was presented by Kim outlining the general categories, Income projected at \$43,830.00 and expenses projected at \$39,305.00 Bal fwd would then be \$4,525.00. Pie charts reviewed also demonstrating that just about 70% of revenue goes directly into the school for the benefit of our children.

General discussion the ensued as to the carry-over and playground expenditures, Principal Marchand reviewed the funding form outside sources, i.e. the marathon fund, state and local funding and our efforts.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget, the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Cindy Marchand then spoke on a variety of topics

We have developed a partnership with Lasalle College where we have 5 tutors 1 on 1 with 5 students twice weekly working with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in literacy.

Franklin is a Title 1 school again which has allowed the school to retain 3 assistants hired part time for literacy also, 1 is a pull out in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1 is going in to teachers 2-3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, and 1 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes working on math. Title 1 is based on free and reduced lunch students.

Hopefully we will also be able to do tutorials before and after school.

The staff is very energized this year to get projects done. 3 teachers went to a seminar in VT to look at and foster Critical thinking, help internalize executive(?) functioning, organizational issues and this training goes across the entire spectrum of curriculum.

3 teachers are already ready to write mini-grants

BLUE ZONE ISSUES ARE ONGOING, folks just will not follow the rules, lengthy discussion regarding options took place, from encouraging walking to and from school, switching the blue zone and Bus zone areas. All input being sought to deal with the problem, particularly in the afternoon pick up time.

This discussion was followed by the presentation of the committee chairs:

Each committee chair or their nominee spoke about the work of their committees, and the need for help. The committees are an easy way to get involved with the school and other parents are any help is welcome. Please note that anyone who volunteers in the building must have a completed CORI application and have the certification issued.

Of particular note: the Halloween Bash will be Saturday 10/28/2006 rfrom 5-7 and volunteers are needed.

After all committees reported it was noted that there is an opening for the school counsel next year. Applications/nominations are open.

Raffle winners were Susan Boyer, Deidre Boyer, Bailey Eveleth and Noah Renseng

Meeting was adjourned-----