New Franklin School PTO Minutes

9/11/2019 @ 7PM

1) Board Welcome and introductions

-See Website

2) Approve the Minutes from June

-Josh made a motion to approve the minutes/ all were in favor

3) Joanne’s Welcome and update

-Great beginning to the year/smooth seamless start

-Mrs. Simon’s shares in the newsletter, shifts in building in systemic approach to behavior. When we make mistakes (growth mindset) What have we learned from these mistakes? Restorative practices and school practices with expectations. Hand out GOLD. What does it mean to show leadership in cafe? They model these practices. We want to promote the positive with GOLD tickets. Catch them doing something good. On Fridays we pick 5 names from basket. What about when kids make mistakes? (not for kindergarten) We ask the kids to reflect. What happened? Who it impacted? What they may do differently? This is a way to talk about this and have good 2-5 and for K and then 1. There is a place for parents to sign, to help with conversations. 1st time implemented. Teaching and learning opportunity. As adults trying to keep track and be able to give feedback to teachers (it’s on their phones to help document). Feedback is welcome.

Forms are in website to see. NFS is piloting this program, they had rocky areas of behavior and this was a way to make sure we aren’t missing anything.

-field trips are starting

-Open house is Sept 26th Thursday, parents only event, buy books at book fair.

-Mrs. Spivack will have Open House the 19th with the parents and kids as a pilot program.

-K-2 holiday concert Tuesday December 10th at **PHS** @7PM

4) What and why

Who we are? We are a non-profit and we are all members, no fees. We support staff with grants. We pay for all field trips, scholarships, healthy snacks, special items big projects. Community Events, Lawn Fete, ice cream social, restaurant nights, movie nights. We will be having guest speakers. Next month we are working on a police officer talking about cyberbullying.

5) Participation = Impact

6) Common tools: Newsletter, folders, SignUpGenius, calendar, website, social

-Eva spoke to the purpose of her new position. Keep everyone connected so parents have access to info at all times. “Like” NFS on facebook. If you have gmail, Eva imbedded the calendar, clicking on to the lower right to sync. Also, if you have a picture or something you want Eva to share on social media you can email her evabvictoria@gmail.com.

7) Upcoming events: September/October

a. Restaurant night out/ Cornerstone Pizza September 16, come to eat! Kids eat free and they donate the cost of the meal to NFS.

b. Fairy house tour Sept 21-22nd. Cara Collymore spoke. NFS gets 50% of all of advanced ticket sales, make sure to note NFS. She is looking for 2 more volunteers to bring houses back to school on Sunday. The building starts this week in the classrooms. Josh noted The Fairy House tour is the largest in the country (maybe world?). Every child will gets a free ticket. All of our houses with be in Prescott park (free entry vs. strawbery Banke). We could still use more stuff and maybe even some “stumps”.

c. Book fair runs this month from 23rd-27th and coincides with open house. Kids will come home with scholastic order sheet but also can order online. Shopping with children during their class time is ok. If we profit over $2500 in a week, they will give %50 for every dollar. Last year we got 4k for our library, to buy new books. Looking for volunteers for the book fair and siblings are welcome. Every kid gets a book, the more $ we raise, the more money they can spend on a book. E-wallet will tell you how to load $ on card.

d. NFS Directory opportunity OCT 4th is the last day to put a note/buy Ad. Go to NFS PTO website/directory for form.

e. Cash raffle 50/50 benefit. 10$ a ticket, pull winning tickets on December meeting. 1st $1500, 2nd $750, and 3rd 250.

f. Ice cream social free event, Kelly Oct 4th donations per class. Kelly wants to emphasize, a family event, no drop off please.

g. Movie night are free fun family events. Wear PJ’s, bring blankets, pillows and beanbags. Get comfortable and enjoy some free popcorn and waters.

h. Halloween dance Friday October 25th time TBA

i. Spirit wear ends soon check it out! Eva to send a blast in social media. We need 50 orders before the deadline.

8) 5th grade! E-Camp fundraising, Judith will send email to parents about how to start fundraising sooner than later. Kathy mentioned about including other grades as well.

9) Vote for new Board position: Social Media Coordinator, Eva Marino

-Motion from Josh to vote for creating role and then voted on Motion to nominate Eva.

10) Budget Review and small changes: Some highlights PTO is will raise 23,850K this year. $133.71 loss from shed last year. Cash on-hand is a little over 31K. David is concerned about a huge surplus 31K. We are willing to explore what to spend it on, and having a surplus is understandable especially if we have a rainy day for Lawn Fete etc.

a. Fresh fruit Fridays are changing to forgo the volunteer ask, and lots of teachers spend their own money for their kids to provide healthy snacks. Each classroom will get a small stipend/$100. $1500 donation from clear choice

b. Brain Pop is out of our budget now, it is being absorbed into the district.

c. Dip jar is a way to donate money with credit card donations. We can set it for an amount at each event.

e. PTO software evaluation, Josh will be looking for a Software that can merge all the things we do and make it simpler and more streamline. Example of when there is a new email or name it can be changed easily. He will work with the Board to when he finds something.

11) Open discussion and questions

Joanne spoke to field trips and trends; the cost has now been comfortable with the lower budget for fieldtrips. The decline in the number is the balance of the generosity to the PTO, some field trips were super expensive.

Motion to approve budget has been approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting.