

# Franklin PTA Meeting Highlights April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Franklin PTA Minutes April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- 1) **Call to order** – Michelle Smith called the meeting to order at 8:50am.
- 2) **Approval of minutes** – Sophie Oberstein
  - A motion for approval of the March minutes was made by Gene Weeks and seconded by Kay Coskey. Motion passed, minutes were approved.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Michelle Smith (for Valerie Nowakowski)
  - Transactions for 3/10-4/1 were submitted for review and approval. A motion was made for approval of the transactions by Gene Weeks and seconded by Betsy Mueller. Motion was passed, transactions were approved.
- 4) **President's Report** – Michelle Smith

Michelle opened with a quote from George Bernard Shaw, "What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child," followed by her announcements:

  - Founder's Day is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Pam Zaragoza's home. Carpooling is encouraged; please bring food.
  - The final gift card order of the year is due this Friday. Think of them for end-of-year teacher gifts.
  - 4/21 – 4/25 is the Spring Book Fair and Turn Off the TV Week.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week is 4/28-5/1.
  - Carnival is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Green Committee will be having a meeting. Date to be announced in the bulletin. Earth Day is 4/22.
  - Professional Administrator's Day is 4/23. Please make it a point to tell Mary Ann how much she means to our school on this particular day.
  - The PTA Council heard a presentation from the Search firm hired to fill the BSD Superintendent's position. Tonight they will present the profile they are seeking based on input from the community, principals and school board. They aim to have 4-5 candidates for the School board to consider in mid-April and to hire someone by the first week of June. This is a nation-wide search. 85% of the people they place stay in their positions. If a person they place leaves within a year, they will conduct a replacement search at no charge.
  - Average Daily Attendance is up. Attendees were reminded to schedule can't-miss appointments in the afternoons so that their children will be present when roll is taken. In emergencies, you can make a reimbursement to the school for your child's absence in the amount of \$40 / child / day.
  - The School Board is meeting with Chartwells on April 22 to discuss lunch operations and how to get Chartwells to break even or make a profit offering school lunch (they are still running a deficit). State regulations have changed so that the PTA can not pick up hot lunch if we eliminate this program. Fudbag has gone out of business due to changes in state regulations. The goal is to have 40% of students in the District buying lunch each day. We're around 33%. If you have thoughts about how to encourage students to buy hot lunch – and to save this hot lunch program – please contact Kerry Bitner.
  - The School Board is looking at boundaries to re-distribute students and maximize resources on all BSD campuses. The last time this was done was in 1997. If your child is in a school

and the boundaries change such that his/her school assignment would also change, s/he – and any siblings - will be “grandfathered” in to the school s/he started at.

- The School Board is studying the possible elimination of the early/late bird program in grades K-3. The possibilities are: 1) eliminate all early/late; 2) eliminate 3<sup>rd</sup> grade early/late, only; 3) do nothing, keep early/late. The elimination of the early/late program has no fiscal impact on BSD. If the early/late program is eliminated it cannot be re-instated. Please email your thoughts/concerns to the School Board or School Site Council.
- The state PTA convention is 5/1-5/4; The National PTA convention will be in San Diego this year from 6/23-6/26.

## 5) **Principal's Report** – Lisa Booth

- We have a healthy enrollment for next year with 498 students – 30 more than this year. 90 will enter the kindergarten class. The School Board is discussing procedures for when schools have overflow as Franklin will when it runs out of classroom space, etc. A lottery option is being considered (with siblings getting top priority). This is all part of our effort to make sure that we are careful about how we grow not only for our own student's sake, but also for the impact on the District as a whole.
- On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Harvey, author of the book that really guides Franklin's strategy for teaching reading, *Strategies That Work*, will be at school all day. 10 substitutes will be on campus to afford teachers this rare opportunity to meet with Stephanie. Lisa will investigate whether interested parents can also attend a portion of the day's in-service training. There will also be a Wildlife Association Creepy Critters assembly for students that afternoon.

## 6) **Committee Reports**

- **Carnival** (Liz Kahn & Marifel Verlohr):
  - i. Around \$12,000 has been raised in sponsorships – that's more than our \$10,000 goal and more than double what we've raised this way in the past.
  - ii. Two spirit days are planned by April Glatt – lunch on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and assembly on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Both events will feature popcorn and twisted balloons. Tickets will be pre-sold on these days. Kids are encouraged to wear their Franklin or Carnival shirts.
  - iii. 163 Carnival shirts were sold, bringing in about \$2,000.
  - iv. \$5,000 in silent auction donations has been collected from companies and restaurants. Now we're reaching out to the Franklin community to make their donations. Parties are usually top-sellers. Any size donation counts – These will be bundled with other donations in prize packages. Two things we'll do differently this year – larger items will be advertised prior to the Carnival with “buy-it-now” prices and roving auctioneers will be circulating the Carnival with items on clipboards that can be bid on.
  - v. Volunteers for all shifts, and especially clean-up, are being recruited by Dian Delantoni. This year there will be a volunteer orientation on Saturday from 10-11am during which people can learn where they'll be posted and what they'll be doing, as well as starting set-up.
- **Spring Book Fair** (Laurie Woo, Pam Lorence, Michelle Domenici-Pina, Angie Hullfish, Marifel Verlohr):
  - i. Volunteers are being actively recruited. Most needed are helpers during brown bag lunch and Dad's Club pizza night.
- **Audit** (Shannon Foster)
  - i. The audit is complete and paperwork submitted to PTA. Books are in perfect order (thanks, Valerie & Jen!)
- **BCE** (Leslie Ragsdale)
  - i. Positions on the BCE board for next year are available, including Site Rep for Franklin. Please let Leslie, Jan Keele or Kerry Bitner know if you are interested.

- ii. Slots in the Dutch auction items Mother-Daughter Sephora party (this Sunday), Little Black Dress party (5/16) and Bubba & Bobbie Sue's Wedding (August 23<sup>rd</sup>) are available. If you missed winning anything at the dinner dance, get in on these sure winners now. Contact Denise Fawcett.

**7) Nominating Committee** (Dian Delantoni)

- i. Dian Delantoni made a motion to approve the PTA board slate for the 2008-2009 school year, Franklin's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Diana Ferris seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved this slate:

President – Kay Coskey

VP Library – Kerry Bitner

VP Fund Raising – Leslie Ragsdale & Lisa Duehring

VP Technology – Angie Hullfish

VP Hospitality – Kim Pitzer & Pam Zaragoza

VP Parent Outreach – Pam Lorence

VP Support Services – Diane Petersdorf

Secretary – Filiz Kohli

Treasurer – Valerie Nowakowski

Financial Secretary – Jen Liebhaber

Historian – Wendi Upchurch

Auditor – Jean Baker

Parliamentarian – Dian Delantoni

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Next PTA meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Broadway Grill after drop-off (9:00ish...)