

Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: February 9, 2016

Attending: K. Dommel, G. Ryan, J.Hagan, S. Parente, B. Moyer, K. Pisoni, J. Reath, S. Boell, T. Hennessy, C. Benfield, K. Word, C. Delaporte, S. Bucher, E. Feldwieser, C. Hahn, K. Adams

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Kim Dommel

President's Report: Kim Dommel

- Minutes from the November 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Tamar Hennessy and seconded by Katie Pisoni.
- We are looking for the following chairperson heads for next year: Yearbook, Pretzel Day, Book Fair, Dad's Night and Spiritwear.
- Ideas are being discussed for Dad's night coming up in February including a selfie station and a magician although we currently do not have a chairperson. The committee is moving forward to finalize the plans for the night, February 26th for grades 3 through 5.
- Stacy Bucher, our parent advisory representative shared highlights from the most recent meeting she attended. There is one representative from each school and the meetings are held at the district offices.
 - Per S. Bucher, there is a pilot program for each high school student to receive a Chromebook within two years that is being sponsored by Indian Valley Education Foundation.
 - Information was provided to indicate a possible political climate shift towards less emphasis on test results and a focus towards other benchmark inclusion in the future.
 - There is new zoning for the EMC student body in light of Lower Salford's closure causing each elementary school's students to stay together as they split into the respective Middle Schools. In years past, sometimes 5th grade graduating classes were split based upon zoning into different Middle Schools.

Principal's Report: Gail Ryan

- After the November Home and School meeting, Franconia had an assembly with a jump rope world champion. Teachers and students participated and the H & S paid for the assembly. Thank you.
- We held parent-teacher conferences that went well. It was wonderful to experience parents' investment in their children and to feel a partnership. Thank you for that as well.
- December brought many activities at Franconia.
 - The Holiday Family event was held in December and hosted by the Home and School. It was fun family and social opportunity.
 - Kindergarten performed their Polar Express concert and had a pajama day complete with bells in a box.
 - The kids and teachers had a sing a long assembly.
 - Classroom socials complete with snacks, activities and crafts were held.
- Since the last meeting, Franconia has also experienced a few faculty transitions including the following: Mrs. Sheckenbach came back to fourth grade, Mrs. Colucci returned to second grade, and Mrs. Powers will be going out on leave mid-February.

- The 75th year celebration is scheduled for October 6, 2016 at this time. It will be a community wide and open event. We will need parent volunteers to facilitate with the celebration.
- Souderton School District has initiated a Parent University series which will be held in various schools throughout the district in an effort to gain more involvement and available information within the district. The first one will be held at Franconia and is geared towards the Everyday Math program.
- Franconia is sponsoring a parent and child event on February 19, 2016 for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and will be a technology night with iPad use. Either parent may attend technology night, but one only due to space requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Hahn

- The budget and expense report ending December 31, 2015 was submitted at the meeting and is attached for review.
- The Home and School taxes were completed and filed in November.
- Since our last meeting in November, the highlights are as follows:
 - H & S paid a deposit for the yearbooks in October 2015.
 - H & S paid \$8200 towards class trips subsidies.
 - Music fundraiser monies came in to their fund.
 - \$981 was paid towards lego robotics purchases as budgeted for kit replacements.
 - Spanish club payments were received.
 - The Holiday Family Event netted approximately \$421 which was not expected, but was due to donations at the bake sale table.
- The ending balance is \$27, 254.23. We are on track for the year.
- Committee Line budget guides and treasurer reports are posted on the Home and School website.

Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** – We are looking for a co-chairperson for spring and then to chair the 2016-2017 school year. The preparation begins in March.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/ Liz Martin: The next submission due date is March 1st, with box tops to the school being submitted by February 26th.
- **Dad's Night** – This is scheduled for February 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We will be hiring a magician, Peter Pitchford, for the initial opening and arrivals. There will be a selfie station with a backdrop lent by Liz Martin and other activities. While there is not a chairperson, there is a committee working together on the event.
- **Fifth grade celebration** – We are looking for a chairperson for this, but we do have a committee of 17 parents to begin planning the event.
- **Franconia Flyer** – The next issue will be a February-March issue and the deadline for inclusion is January 27th.
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program** – Megan Olberding: 384 total card accounts are enrolled supporting Franconia, with our total year to date earnings being \$1581.65.
- **Holiday Family Event** – Janie Hagan: This was a successful event with approximately 350 plus students and families in attendance. Santa is already tentatively booked for next year because it is difficult to schedule him. Thank you to the committee heads and volunteers for the evening.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: Thanks for planning and volunteering for the winter socials. The next social will be for Valentines' day on Thursday February 11th at 2:15 PM.

- **Hospitality** – Liz Martin, Amy Perili and Ingrid Ahart: The theme is the “world of thanks” for Staff Appreciation week, January 19th – 22nd. There is a sign-up genius circulating for any volunteers to submit food items and other needs. Thank you in advance.
- **Pretzel Day** – Tina Martinson: We sold 310 pretzels on January 8th. Thanks to all of the volunteers.
- **Race for Education** – Deb Wizneski and Cheri McGiboney: Race is scheduled for April 27, 2016, rain or shine. Kindergarten (AM and PM) through second grade are scheduled to race between 1:00 and 1:50 PM, Grades 3-5 will race from 2:00-3:00PM. There is one change this year in that the race packets will be sent home to the only and oldest siblings along with all their names included on each label. This will avoid duplicate mailings and lessen stamp and paper costs. Volunteer recruitment will commence shortly.
- **Spiritwear**- Tamar Hennessy: No report – We need a chairperson for Spiritwear next year.
- **Sundae Bar** – Kimberly Ogelinsky: The next Sundae bar is January 29th.
- **Yearbook** – Janie Hagan: The theme for the 2015-2016 yearbook is Franconia Falcons, Soaring to New Heights. The cover design has been chosen and the winner of the fifth grade contest will be announced at a later date. There will be a layout committee meeting January 21st in the library. Yearbook sales will be held in March. Public Displays of Affection (PDA’s) will be due by February 26th and forms will be sent home shortly. The website for photo uploading is <https://onlineyearbooks.lifetouch.com>. The access code is AVVYKK.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Adams
Home and School Secretary