

Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: March 8, 2016

Attending: K. Dommel, G. Ryan, J.Hagan, K. Pisoni, L. Martin, S. Parente, E. Feldwieser, K. Word, K. Adams, C. Hahn

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Kim Dommel

President's Report: Kim Dommel

- Minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Katie Pisoni and seconded by Liz Martin.
- We are looking for the following chairperson heads for next year: Dad's Night and Spiritwear. We are also in need of a Vice President next year.
- 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.
- There is a new fundraiser being explored called SchoolKidz through Staples. School supply kits can be ordered in advance of the school year through the program and there is a donation aspect for families in need of supplies, as well. The teachers are going to review the contents to ascertain if it would meet the classroom needs before moving forward.

Principal's Report: Gail Ryan

- Special events since our last meeting include the following:
 - Beach Day involved reading in the halls on towels. The kids had fun.
 - Bingo night was a success and thank you to all who volunteered.
 - The Walnut Street Theater brought a live production to Franconia with their young thespians. The title production was, "Oscar and the Big Bully" which focused on a moral lesson. Following the production, the students participated in a Question and Answer session with the actors. It was a wonderful opportunity for the kids to see live theater that may not otherwise be able to see a production elsewhere.
- Since the last meeting, Franconia has also experienced a few faculty transitions including the following: Mrs. Powers has begun maternity leave and Amanda Miller is the new physical education teacher in her place. There is a new Title I assistant, Nicole Hollinger.
- K-2 technology night is coming up on February 19th and so far approximately 30-40 families have returned RSVP's. Either parent may attend the event, but there is one iPad per family.
- Home and School's Dad's night is coming up on February 26th for grades 3 through 5.
- A consultant, Kristine Mraz, is coming in for a half day tomorrow for the teachers to discuss her book "A Mindset for Learning." Her focus and message is to educate the whole child and that too often we get caught up in academia and statistics. She will discuss her five attitudes for success or a "joyful, independent growth," including optimism, persistence, flexibility, resilience, and empathy. These sessions serve to facilitate the teachers in learning to teach these traits.
- The 75th year celebration is scheduled for October 6, 2016 at this time. It will be a community wide and open event.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Hahn

- The budget and expense report ending January 31, 2016 was submitted at the meeting and is attached for review.
- There was minimal activity in January. Since our last meeting, the highlights are as follows:
 - Spiritwear revenue was deposited from the beginning of the school year.
 - Boxtops revenue was received in the amount of \$1750.10. We already received more income from the boxtops program than anticipated this year.
 - Pretzel sales brought in \$62.00. There were less sold this time around.
 - The chorus and Spanish club had some revenue and expenses.
 - There was a Race for Education expense for the mailings in the amount of \$420.54.
 - There was an expense for the Walnut Street Theater assembly as well as a few small other miscellaneous expenses which can be viewed on the report.
- The ending balance is \$28,029.59. We are on track for the year.
- Committee heads will be responsible for submitting proposed budgets for next years' events so the budget can be prepared in advance of next year.

Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** – Shawna Boell will be the committee head next year and will be working with Rick Hahn this year so she is ready for next year. 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. This is the final cutoff for the classroom competition.
- **Dad's Night** – This is scheduled for February 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.
- **Fifth grade celebration** – There is a meeting March 1st for all 5th grade interested parents.
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program** – Megan Olberding: \$2307.54 has been earned to date, with March 19, 2016 marking the end of the earning period.
- **Giving Grocer** – Kelley Word: Order forms went home with a deadline of 2/12 and pick up on 3/8. We are evaluating if we will be moving forward with this fundraiser based on the outcome.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: Valentines' socials were on Thursday, February 11th.
- **Pretzel Day** – Tina Martinson: 360 pretzels were sold yielding \$72 in profit. Next year there are five pretzel days due to changes in Federal regulations. Thanks to the volunteers!
- **Race for Education** – Deb Wizneski and Cheri McGiboney: Race is scheduled for April 27, 2016, rain or shine.
- **Spiritwear**- Tamar Hennessy: No report – We need a chairperson for Spiritwear next year.
- **Sundae Bar** – Kimberly Ogelinsky: This was held on January 29th. Our next sundae bar is March 17th. The final sundae bar on May 13th is being rescheduled due to a conflict with the All School Picnic.
- **Yearbook** – Janie Hagan: PDA sales are underway with a February 26th deadline. The yearbook pre-order period is February 29th – April 1st. The sales brochures are being sent home. Tricia Ripka is handling the yearbook sales. Anyone who has pictures to submit is encouraged to upload them to our yearbook site. The website for photo uploading is <https://onlineyearbooks.lifetouch.com>. The access code is AVVYKK.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Adams
Home and School Secretary