

## Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: March 8, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: April 12, 2016

Attending: K. Dommel, G. Ryan, J.Hagan, K. Adams, S. Parente, S. Boell, L. Martin, K. Word, B. Moyer, S. Bucher, E. Felwieser

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Kim Dommel

President's Report: Kim Dommel

- Minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Stephanie Parente and seconded by Elizabeth Feldwieser.
- We are looking for a Spiritwear chairperson and a Vice President for next year. The VP position is for a two year term with the understanding that a transition to President may occur following the term end.
- The Staples fundraiser called SchoolKidz will be starting for next year. Flyers will be sent home in the spring 2016, most likely in April, for ordering instructions for the fall. The supplies will be delivered a week before school starts.

Principal's Report: Gail Ryan

- Dad's Night and the K-2 Technology evening were held. There were approximately twenty-eight families at the K-2 Technology evening. It was great to see parents and children both engrossed in the technology. Dad's Night for grades 3 through 5 was a fun event made possible by the Home and School.
- The Wizard of Oz play is being held on Friday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>. There are approximately 70 kids involved in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There are approximately six different children playing Dorothy, a few tinmen and lions, and multiple other kids playing flying monkeys and flowers. Three staff members along with others, including Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Voelker have been working hard to get the production together. The best part is seeing the talents in children from whom it may be least expected.
- The PSAA tests arrived today and the teachers will be getting ready to commence testing shortly.
- There is an upcoming School Board meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Souderton Area High School. Our Superintendent, Frank Gallagher, is asking for involved Home and School parents and interested parents to attend the meeting. The local Charter School will be asking for another location within the district which would impact Souderton Area School District's budget by roughly 1.5-2 million dollars. This would greatly impact all of the schools within the district and our funding for programs and supplies. All Principals and School Administrators will be in attendance. It is the public meeting required to hear opinion regarding their request.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Hahn

- C. Hahn submitted the closing February treasurer's report for review in her absence.

Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** – Rick Hahn and Shawna Boell met to review the procedures so Shawna is ready for next year. This year the tasks are divided equally so that Shawna is familiar with the process. The books and supplies will arrive 2-3 business days prior to the fair which is held on Open House night.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/ Liz Martin: The final submission for the year was met on 2/29 with a total of 7, 543 boxtops. The Minecraft board will be updated with the newest classroom totals

and winners for lunch with their teachers will be announced next week. The Grand Prize, karaoke party will be decided shortly

- **Family Skate Night** – Karen Andreson- Flyers will be sent home at the end of March. Water and soft pretzels will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help as the chair will not be in attendance this year. This is for Franconia families only and not for neighbors, friends, etc. Parents or an adult chaperone will be expected to stay with each child that arrives. Kids cannot be dropped off and picked up later.
- **Fifth grade celebration** – There are three committees, including food, t-shirts and decorations. It's a smaller group than usual but if more volunteers are needed help will be sought out.
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program** – Megan Olberding: This program ends March 18<sup>th</sup> for the year.
- **Giving Grocer** – Kelley Word: We were the pilot program for this and will not be doing this for now. If there are some changes made to the program and it is streamlined it may possibly be considered in the future.
- **Hands Across the District** – Blythe Bealer will be sending out an email to those individuals who may meet the 100 hours of volunteering this year. Blythe also met with Kelley Word to review the volunteer spreadsheet duties for next year.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: Thank you to all parent volunteers for the Valentines' socials. The final social is the year end party which will be scheduled by the classroom teachers.
- **Hospitality** – The official National teacher day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>, although we have a staff appreciation week in January annually. Leftover items from that week will be brought in to make a coffee bar and possibly cookies or sweets for the teachers in May.
- **Race for Education** – Deb Wizneski and Cheri McGiboney: Race is scheduled for April 27, 2016, rain or shine. 1:00-3:00 PM
- **Yearbook** – Janie Hagan: Layouts are being tweaked and completed as the five week submission date is approaching quickly. The yearbook pre-order period is February 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. The sales brochures are being sent home. Tricia Ripka is handling the yearbook sales. Questions about yearbook sales should be directed towards Tricia Ripka. Thanks to Stacy Bucher for handling the PDA's.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Adams  
Home and School Secretary