

## Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: May 10, 2016

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Kim Dommel

President's Report: Kim Dommel

- Minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Rick Hahn and seconded by Liz Martin.
- Landscaping Vote – A motion was made to fund the landscaping around the new front entrance steps to the school. The bid up for consideration was for \$1500 including topsoil, mulch, edging and the foliage. The vote polled from all attendees was unanimous in favor of this expenditure by the Home and School. The Home and School will also be placing a plaque to honor Gail Ryan for her service to Franconia as Principal.
- Music camp sponsorship Vote – The Elementary Band Music Director has asked for \$80 towards sending a child who is in need to music camp this summer. The vote polled from all attendees was unanimous in favor of this sponsorship.
- Nominations for both Vice President and Treasurer for the next term were accepted this evening. Kim Dommel nominated Maureen Yothers for the Vice President role and Liz Martin seconded the motion. Kim Dommel nominated Stephanie Parente to fill the Treasurer position for the next term and Elizabeth Feldwieser seconded the motion.
- A nomination for President for the next term was reviewed via email from all committee chairpersons. Kim Dommel nominated Jane Hagan for the President role and Karyn Winters seconded the motion via email in lieu of review at the meeting. All other votes were unanimous in support of Janie Hagan.

Principal's Report: Gail Ryan

- Franconia is a Title I award winner for high progress which affords eligibility to apply for a Grant up to \$50, 000. The plan is to work on building more curious and aware citizens by encouraging students to search for answers further and identifying the action needed to find them. More iPads will be purchased for the school if the Grant is awarded.
- PSSA's have begun and are still ongoing as of the date of this meeting. We kept them "low-key" this year for the students. The kids were advised not to worry and that they have the knowledge they should at their fingertips at this point in the year. The kids are working hard!
- SASD has a committee currently that is forward thinking and looking to fine tune instruction so it is more in line with the kids' needs. Mrs. Kunicki was our representative at this new program at a recent meeting.
- The local Charter School withdrew their request to expand within the District. Thank you for all of your support!
- A new Principal for the 2016-2017 year has not yet been selected.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Hahn

- C. Hahn submitted the closing March 2016 Treasurer's Report for the records and review.
- The Race for Education fundraiser has just begun and not much has come in as yet, but that actual Race event is not held until late April.
- A \$100 donation was made for Artists in Action.
- The Book Fair is pending, but is a cash in and cash out line item.
- The \$200 allocated for use towards Field Trips for students in need was not used so the funds for the music camp can be applied here.

- There is \$200 remaining in the Principal's account, but it will be needed and spent before year end.
- There are some funds left in the Book Blast fund, but they will be needed to reserve the pool for one of the events and for food items.
- The Lego Robotics club will be spending their remaining budget amounts next year.
- The total Giant A Plus rewards for this calendar year is approximately \$4300 as the program ended March 18<sup>th</sup>, but we have not yet received the payment.
- Budgets from committee heads have been requested to ensure we have enough allocated in next year's budget for ratification. The 2016-2017 budget will have to approved at an upcoming meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** – Rick Hahn – The supplies are in and volunteers are needed for the evening. The book fair offers a buy one get one free deal this year. There will also be a student raffle for grades K-2 and 3-5 with the winner from each receiving \$25 in books for the respective classroom. Book donations in either cash or book form will be accepted for the teachers' classrooms as well.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/ Liz Martin: The winner of the contest will be announced at the next All School Assembly. The winner's name is being kept in confidence until it's released to the school.
- **Family Skate Night** – Karen Andreson- Volunteers will be needed and flyers for the event have been sent home. As a reminder, kids cannot be dropped off without a parent at this event and it is only for families at Franconia.
- **Fifth grade celebration** – This is in the planning process.
- **Hands Across the District** – Blythe Bealer –Several names have been submitted for the 100 hour volunteers.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: The last social is approaching and is scheduled by the individual classroom teachers. Parent leads should ensure coordination is happening with the teachers to set a date! Use all of the remaining party budget for this party.
- **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.
- **Pretzel Day:** Tina Martinson – 280 pretzels were sold for a \$56 profit. The last pretzel day is May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Race for Education** – Deb Wizneski and Cheri McGiboney: Race is scheduled for April 27, 2016, rain or shine. 1:00-3:00 PM. Grades K-2 are scheduled from 1:00-1:50PM and grades 3-5 are scheduled from 2:00-3:00PM. Approximately 1900 mailers were sent out which is less than half of what was sent out last year. Approximately 25% of the student body has participated this year. Prize winners will be announced at school April 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are being rallied via Sign-Up Genius to help at the Race.
- **Spanish Club** - Karyn Winters – The club ends in April and the kids are excited to showcase what they have learned this year.
- **Sundae Bar** – Kim Oglensky – The final Sundae Bar is being held during the first week or two of May, but the final date is pending and will be circulated.
- **Yearbook** – Janie Hagan: The yearbook was completed and thanks to the layout artists. Thanks for the picture contributions as well. The pre-sale period has ended but there will be many extra yearbooks available for sale at the end of the school year.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelli Adams  
Home and School Secretary