

Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: May 25, 2016

Attending: K. Dommel, J. Hagan, C. Hahn, S. Parente, M. Yothers, L. Martin, S. Boell, J. Reath, K. Derstein, K. Word, E. Feldweiser, I. Ahart, S. Bucher

Meeting was called to order at 7:09PM by President Kim Dommel

President's Report: Kim Dommel

- Kelli Adams is away and she was unable to get us the minutes to the April 12, 2016 meeting. They will be approved at our next meeting on May 25, 2016
- There has been \$250 raised towards the 75th Anniversary t-shirts from two local companies. We will be contacting other area companies to help in this campaign.
- Executive Board Elections: Kim opened up the election for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. The nominations of Maureen Yothers and Stephanie Parente were held at the April meeting. Stacy Bucher motioned to elect Maureen Yothers as Vice President and Liz Martin seconded the motion. The vote for Maureen was unanimously in favor. Stacy Bucher motioned to elect Stephanie Parente as treasurer. Liz Martin seconded the motion. The vote for Stephanie was unanimously in favor. They will both serve 2 year terms which begin July 1, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Hahn

- Carolyn Hahn submitted the closing April 2016 Treasurer's Report for the records and review.
- The Race for Education fundraiser brought in \$14, 500 in April and \$2200 in May so far. We will continue collecting money through June.
- Race for Education will be skipped in 2016-2017 and held again in October 2017.
- In the future for Race for Education it was discussed that only those who bring back labels will be rewarded with a soft pretzel.
- Tamar Hennesey would like to spend \$595 from next year's Spirit Wear budget now to order ahead for the incoming kindergarten students. Tamar won't be at Franconia next year as her oldest child is in 5th grade. Next year's Spirit Wear budget would be reduced accordingly.
- We earned \$4300 in Giant A+ rewards and we are awaiting the check. It was decided that the budget for prizes for Giant A+ rewards would be reduced for next year.
- We earned \$795 in Box Tops rewards and that check will be deposited in May.
- We are waiting for the final yearbook invoice.
- Teacher grants are coming in as it is getting close to the end of the year.
- Field Day and 5th Grade Celebration expenses will be coming in this month.
- Book Blast expenses will be coming at the end of June.
- \$50 from the Lego Robotics Club budget will be carried over to next year.
- The \$10,000 for pavilion electricity has not been spent and will carry over to next year. This money acts as a budget buffer as there are no plans to complete this project.
- Maureen Yothers, the incoming VP, will be handling a fall catalog fundraiser and possibly a smaller fundraiser in February. We will need to raise at least \$8000 to hold us over until the October 2017 Race for Education fundraiser since many expenses occur in the fall.
- It was discussed and decided to no longer offer a free yearbook to every 5th grader next year but to keep some money in the yearbook budget for those 5th graders who can't afford one.

- A down payment is needed this year for an assembly planned for next school year. This will increase the current budget for assemblies.
- There will be no play next year so the budget will be reduced to \$300 to accommodate a possible talent show.
- The above adjustments will be made and a vote on next year's budget will occur at the final meeting on May 25, 2016.

Principal's Report: Gail Ryan

- Field Day was postponed from May 12-13 to the scheduled rain dates of May 26-27 due to standing water in the fields.
- Skate Night was well attended and very successful.
- Race For Education: Very nice weather this year. Congratulations to Cheri McGiboney and Deb Wizneski for another well-organized race! The limousine rides to Dairy Queen with Mrs. Ryan were a lot of fun and very much enjoyed by the label winners.
- National Teacher Day: Thank you to the Home & School for the coffee bar prepared by Liz Martin and Ingrid Ahart. The faculty and staff felt loved and appreciated. Total number of cups served was 120!
- The Band & Orchestra concert was successful and enjoyable.
- At the Dorney Park Choral Competition our choir won an excellent award and our hand bell ensemble was awarded a superior award!
- Open House: There was a lot of beautiful artwork and other projects on display. Many families attended.
- Indian Valley Education Foundation: They are asking for volunteers for a Volunteer Corp
- New Principal: Mrs. Laura Heineck will be approved by the board tomorrow night, May 11, 2016, as the new principal for Franconia beginning on July 1. She comes to us from Boyertown Area School District where she has been the principal at Pine Forge Elementary School.
- Mrs. Ryan expressed what a privilege it has been to work with the parents in the Home & School Association and that she is very grateful for the fun!

Committee Reports:

- **Book Fair** – Rick Hahn - \$2871 in books was purchased. With rounding up at the register \$83 was made for Book Blast books to be purchased. Students winning the poster raffles will be announced on May 11. Many thanks to the volunteers.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/Liz Martin –Please continue to collect Box Tops over the summer for the fall collection. A pizza party for Mrs. Skowrnski's class for collecting the most Box Tops will be scheduled soon.
- **Family Skate Night** – Karen Anderson – Skate night was well attended and fun was had by all.
- **Fifth Grade Promotion** – The date is June 7 and the theme is "Dream Big." Fourth grade parents who are available should save the date. A Sign-Up Genius email will be sent soon to ask for volunteers to help set-up, man the food, and clean up afterwards.
- **Franconia Flyer** – Kelli Adams – No report
- **Giant A+ Rewards** – Megan Olberding – No report
- **Hands Across the District** – No Report

- **Holiday Family Night** – Janie Hagan – No Report
- **Home & School Website** – Kelli Adams – No Report
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher – Reminders have been emailed about the End of Year Socials. Please remember to submit parent volunteer names to Mrs. Malley in the office so visitor badges can be prepared. Many thanks to all our Lead Homeroom Parents this year. We appreciate the effort you put into planning such special occasions for the kids!
- **Hospitality** – Liz Martin & Ingrid Ahart – No Report
- **Kidstuff Coupon Books** – Karen Anderson – No Report
- **Pretzel Day** – Tina Martinson – 259 pretzels were sold on May 6, our last pretzel day of the school year.
- **Race for Education** – Deb Wizneski & Cheri McGiboney – The weather cooperated, the Race was a success, and the students had fun! To date we have collected \$17, 736. Donations are still trickling in and we plan to continue counting and collecting donations until the last day of school. The four students who brought in the most labels enjoyed their limo ride. Mrs. Borro's 4th grade class brought in the most labels and their prize of a pizza party is scheduled for May 20th. A special thank you to Amanda Miller for organizing the dances for each grade. She did a great job!
- **School Directory** – Cheramie Benfield – No Report
- **Spanish Club** – Karyn Winters – No Report
- **Spirit Wear** – Tamar Hennessy- No Report
- **Sundae Bar** – Kim Oglensky – The last Sundae Bar for this year will be held tomorrow, May 11. I will be unable to attend so Chrissy Blair, has kindly offered to run everything.
- **Yearbook** – Janie Hagan – Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 6 for those who have already placed an order. There are a limited number of extra yearbooks and they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis in the cafeteria at lunch time from June 6-8. Cost is \$15.50 each. An email blast will be sent to alert parents to the sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Cake and punch were served to celebrate Gail Ryan's retirement and her partnership with The Home & School Association.

*Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6:00pm in Mrs. Ryan's conference room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hagan, Vice President (in place of Kelli Adams)

Executive Board

Kim Dommel, President

Jane Hagan, Vice President

Carolyn Hahn, Treasurer

Kelli Adams, Secretary