

Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2017

Next H & S Meeting: February 7, 2017

Attending: J. Hagan, L. Heineck, S. Parente, K. Adams, K. Dommel, S. Boell, K. Pisoni, B. Moyer, J. Shellenberger, S. Bucher, E. Feldwieser, M. Jalboot, L. Martin, I. Ahart

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by President Jane Hagan

President's Report: Jane Hagan

- Minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Elizabeth Feldwieser and seconded by Katie Pisoni.
- Any Home and School reimbursements for committee expenses need to be submitted by June 9, 2017 so they are in the budget year.
- 4th Grade parents are asked to volunteer for the 5th grade celebration so the 5th grade parents can experience the event.
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Principal's Report: Laura Heineck

- Our holiday giving season and the generosity in our community was wonderful. Franconia, in conjunction with district, provided 26 families with holiday items and funds.
 - \$2600 in Walmart gift certificates were given to community families in need.
 - 150 toys were collected through the toy drive and donated to McClure Elementary in North Philadelphia.
 - \$630 was donated to the Keystone Opportunity Center. Thank you for your donations.
 - Franconia Police Department's "shop with a cop" event went very well. Three families in the Franconia community were provided with gifts and household items.
- Indian Valley Education Foundation donated \$1000 to a classroom in each school within the district. Mrs. Skowronski (5th grade) and Mrs. Harsanyi (5th grade) received the gift here at Franconia for upgrading their classroom.
- January 13th is our reading on the beach day. Children can bring in beach towels, sunglasses and hats for listening to books at a designated time.
- School is closed on January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King Day and on January 25th for an in-service day. Staff will be headed to the district for a presentation by George Couros from his book, "The Innovator's Mindset."
- January 27th is Family Bingo Night. The health department will also be at Franconia that evening as part of the grant we received this year. They will be giving out free booster seats.
- K-2 night will be held at Barnes and Noble in Montgomeryville on February 10th. 10% of any purchases by Franconia families will go towards the school.
- Franconia was recognized as being in the top 5% of Title I schools and we are receiving an award recognizing our distinguished school
- There are some upcoming staff changes including Mrs. Powers, who is returning on January 24th and Mrs. Bishop, who will be moving to Indian Crest.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Parente

- The Treasurer's Report ending January 4, 2017 was submitted for review and inclusion in the minutes. It will be available online under our Meeting Minutes heading.
- Our current balance is \$34,888.98.
- The highlights and activity this month include the following:
 - Approximately \$33 was received from Amazon smile.
 - While we earned \$1,409.74, approximately \$800 in expenses was paid out for the holiday family event in December including craft reimbursement, holiday shop reimbursement, Santa payment, etc. We came in about \$220 under budget for the evening.

- The yearbook deposit was paid, totaling \$3704.18 as it needs to be paid in advance.
- Approximately \$8003 was earned from the Charleston Wrap fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

- **Bingo Night**-Karen Anderson: This is scheduled for January 27th from 6:30-8:00 PM. RSVP requests have been sent home and are due January 20th. Teacher volunteers are being secured to call numbers. Kim Dommel is the point person for the evening.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/ Liz Martin: The Box Tops submission totaled \$1121.20 for the fall.
- **Dad's Night** – Kim Dommel: This is scheduled for February 24th from 6:30 – 8:00PM for 3rd through 5th grade. More information will be sent home as it draws closer. Food donations will be needed for the refreshment table. Volunteers are appreciated for the refreshment table, set-up and clean-up. The magician from last year is returning, Peter Pitchford. A Sign up genius will be circulated for volunteers.
- **Family Skate Night** – Karen Anderson: April 21st is confirmed at In-line 309 from 5:30-7:30PM.
- **Franconia Flyer** – Stacy Bucher: The January/February issue is being printed and should go home in the next Communicator.
- **Fifth Grade Promotion**- Kim Dommel: A preliminary meeting was held in December to discuss budget and ideas for the event. The decorations team is chaired by Liz Martin and T-shirts will be handled by Lynne Stauffer. The theme will be finalized this month for our meeting in late February (date to be determined). There are a lot of volunteer opportunities and we will be soliciting for help as it draws closer.
- **Fundraising** – Jane Hagan on behalf of Maureen Yothers:
 - A Wawa Shorti fundraiser is planned from February 21st through March 3rd. Coupons will be \$4 each. Of note, is that the chorus generally has this fundraiser but they abstained this year. Therefore, next year, they may do it again and Home and School will not handle it.
 - Wendy's Family Night event – A motion was made by Bobbie Moyer to postpone the event to April due to too many fundraisers so close together. The motion was seconded by Liz Martin and the vote was unanimous.
 - The Mommy Market is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th from 9 AM until noon. Tables are \$15 each and admission is \$1. More information will be sent home as the event draws closer.
- **Holiday Family Event** – Jane Hagan: The holiday event had a large turnout and was a success, including all the elements: Holiday shop, bake sale and crafts. The vendors had mixed success with sales. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to Bob Wiszneski, Telford's fire chief, who helped make the evening amazing.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: The winter socials were a success!
- **Hospitality**- Liz Martin and Ingrid Ahart – The week-long event is drawing near to appreciate and thank the Staff at Franconia from January 17th through the 20th. A sign up genius is circulating, but more help is needed with food donations. Let's support our teachers!
- **Pretzel Day**-Kelli Adams: Pretzel day was on January 27th and earned approximately \$45. Thanks to all the volunteers!
- **Sundae Bar** – Kelley Word: The next Sundae Bar is January 27th. Volunteers will be contacted to confirm their availability to help. It is included with school lunches, but \$1.65 a la carte.
- **Superintendent's Parent Forum** – Stacy Bucher: The meeting was held December 9th and concentrated mostly on technology within the district. There was much discussion regarding iPads and Chromebooks. The next meeting is in March.
- **Yearbook** – Kelli Adams: Please submit any photos for inclusion, yearbookpics2016-2017@comcast.net. We need more pictures! The winning cover from our December contest was voted on by the staff and will be revealed when the yearbook is printed. The first layout meeting is on January 12th to discuss the plan and to breakdown the layouts by page. Christine Berkowitz from Lifetouch will be there to review the online program for layouts. A preliminary yearbook order was submitted based upon last year's orders.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Adams, Home and School Secretary