

Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2017

Next H & S Meeting: May 9, 2017

Attending: L. Heineck, J. Hagan, M. Yothers, S. Parente, S. Boell, L. Brown, S. Peterson, H. Morris, K. Dommel, S. Bucher, E. Feldwieser, K. Pisoni

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Jane Hagan

President's Report: Jane Hagan

- Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Shawna Boell and seconded by Elizabeth Feldwieser.
- The secretary position on the Executive Board needs to be filled after June. There was a nomination for Stephanie Peterson for the upcoming 2017 School year. Stephanie will be voted in during the May meeting. No other nominations from the floor.
- Committee Chair or Co-chair positions are available for 2017-2018 (see list on last page) and a new position.
 - ◆ Box Tops
 - ◆ Family Fun Night (will replace Family Skate Night)
 - ◆ Fifth Grade Promotion Night: Need chair person and 3 sub committee chairs: t-shirts, decorations and food
 - ◆ Kidstuff Books - Karen's looking for a co-chair to train for 2018-2019
 - ◆ Race for Ed - 1-2 people are needed to work with current co-chairs and then take the lead for 2018-2019. This is our biggest fundraiser so the year of training will be very helpful.
- Family Night at Indian Valley Boys & Girls Club will take place on Friday, May 19 from 6:30-8:30pm. A flyer will be created and sent home closer to that date. Indoor and Outdoor activities will be planned. Dodgeball, basketball, board games, pool table etc. A donation is needed, so we will have a donation box available. Jacqui the "balloon lady" will be there and only charging us for her supplies (\$20/hour). We can decide in Sept at our next meeting if we repeat this event for the 2017-2018 school year. (The next Family Fun Night will be held in April of 2018)
- Possible gift for school - H&S has some extra funds available and would like to purchase a 10x12 shed for Gary Derstine. It will be placed near the playground to store recess equipment, field day gear and a generator to supply electric for back to school DJ as well as other H&S events where electric is needed. The shed, generator and set up costs will be about \$3200-\$3500. These funds need to be spent before July 1st. Motion made to approve this expense by Elizabeth Feldwieser. Seconded by Stacy Bucher. There was an all in favor vote by the

attendees. Everyone was in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Parente

- The Treasurer's Report ending in March 17, 2017 was submitted for review and inclusion in the minutes. It will be available online under our Meeting Minutes heading.
- Revenue & Expenses: Please reference March Treasurer's report
- Spring Budget Review
- Draft Budget for 2017-2018 School Year
- Facebook Contest: Received over 100 votes, a 1st grader won from the contest.

Principal's Report: Laura Heineck

- PSSA's wrapped up last week and the first day was monitored by the Department of Education. Everything went really well.
- Autism awareness month – currently meeting with Autistic support teachers for next year to help with diversity and understanding.
- Physical Education teacher, Ally Powers will now have Kindergarten students included in Field Day this year with the 1st-5th graders.
- Transitions of the 5th graders to 6th grade with new Crest principals. On May 2nd the Crest principals will come and talk to the 5th graders at Franconia and make them feel more comfortable. On May 25th they 5th grade parents are invited to Crest to review this important transition.
- Book of the month for the teachers is “Beautiful Oops!” The book focuses on when you make a mistake, how do you make it right?

Committee Reports:

- Back to School Picnic: Jen Reath – Stefanie Peterson & Elizabeth Feldwieser will co-chair next year with Jen and they will be trained
- Bingo Night: Karen Anderson – Shawna Boell will chair next year, but is looking for a co-chair.
- Book Fair: Shawna Boell - The Spring Book fair is going to be Wednesday, May 3 from 3:30-6:30pm. Volunteers are needed and should contact Shawna if interested: shawna8477@gmail.com Sales numbers needs to be maintained this year so we get the same amount of goods (books, posters, Etc)
- Box Tops: Liz Martin & Mandy Alderfer – Collections will continue until 4/28 and then will be added to the fall collections to determine the winning class for the year. A pizza party will be awarded to that class in May! Chairs are still needed for next year.

- Dad's Night: Kim Dommel – No report
- Family Skate Night: Karen Anderson – Please join us Friday, April 21st from 5:30 – 7:30 at IN LINE 309 (2117 Bethlehem Pike Hatfield, PA 215-822-6800). Water and Soft Pretzels will be served. This will be a private event for Franconia Elementary Families (students, parents/guardians and siblings only). Parents are required to stay, this is not a drop off event. There is no need to RSVP. Bring your own skates, or you can rent roller skates or rollerblades for \$2 a pair. Helmets and knee pads welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Anderson at Anderson.karen@comcast.net.
- Fourth Grade Parents Service Project: Janie Hagan – Currently has a list of about 17 parents who have expressed interest in helping with food set-up, refilling, and clean-up for the 5th grade Promotion Night. There will be two shifts of about 90 minutes each. A Sign up Genius will be sent in early May to continue to look for more volunteers.
- Fifth Grade Promotion: Kim Dommel – Event will be taking place June 6th from 6:00-8:30PM. The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Franconia library. At our last meeting we broke things down into subcommittees. Liz has sent out a Signup Genius asking parents to either head up an assignment or pick a task to assist. We have had some people sign up but need more to make our evening successful. Lynne Stauffer has the t-shirt design and colors picked so we are good to go with that. A Signup Genius will be sent closer to the date asking for the food and drinks.
- Franconia Flyer: Stacy Bucher – Please submit content by 4/20 for the final Flyer of the year (May/June edition).
- Fundraising: Maureen Yothers – Thank you to all of the families who came out to support H&S's 2nd Wendy's night! It was another great success. Based off of our Wendy's sales, H&S will receive a check for \$272.00! We also had families who chose to "Opt-Out" and make a direct donation. WaWa sales brought in about \$1,200
- Giant A+ Rewards Program: Megan Olberding – The program concluded for 2016-2017 on March 16. Our total was \$4190.83. We can re-register for next school year after August 13.
- Holiday Family Event: Janie Hagan – Val Alburger will co-chair with me next year.
- Home and School Website: Kelli Adams – No report
- Homeroom Parent Coordinator: Stacy Bucher – End of Year socials should be scheduled. Please use the remainder of your social budgets. Dates are selected by the individual teachers/parents.
- Hospitality: Liz Martin and Ingrid Ahart – Kelly McMackin will be joining the team next year when Ingrid moves on to Indian Crest. I am looking at one day the week of May 1 to set up coffee and cookies for National Teacher Appreciation Week. I will check with Amy, Ingrid and Kelly to see which day of the week

would work for all of us.

- KidStuff Coupon Books: Karen Anderson – No report. Someone is needed to help Karen next year.
- Pretzel Day: Kelli Adams – The next and last pretzel day for the year is on May 5. Volunteers will be contacted in advance to help.
- School Directory: Cheramie Benfield – No report
- Spiritwear: Katie Pisoni - Orders have been placed for the magnets featuring the Franconia Falcon and will be sold at the Open House and Back to School Night.
- Sundae Bar: Kelley Word – Final Sundae Bar will be Wednesday, May 17th. (Rescheduled due to the field day and all school picnic conflict) Volunteers will be contacted to confirm their availability.
- Yearbook: Kelli Adams - The yearbook submission deadline was April 10th which we made timely. Thank you to all who helped bring it to completion. There has been some difficulty getting the sales flyers this year, so we're going to start yearbook sales online with an email blast on 4/12 and 4/18. A pdf of the sales flyer will be attached. Anyone who would like to purchase a personalized cover (i.e. hard cover and/or with a name) must have their order submitted by Friday, April 21. After that date they can not guarantee those requests will be filled. Online ordering for personalization is preferred. All other orders can be submitted through Friday, May 5. Tricia Ripka will be handling the sales for us again this year.

Yearbooks will no longer be supplied for the 5th grade students due to various difficulties occurring last year. Orders can be placed online, but if you send a check please make payable to FRANCONIA HOME & SCHOOL.

- New Chair Position: School Photographer. The camera in the office will be utilized and a volunteer has been appointed to be the point for all school events, Heather Morris. A new camera card will be purchased specifically for this purpose.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Yothers, Home and School Vice President

The Final H&S Meeting – May 9, 2017