

## Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2016

Next H & S Meeting: October 11, 2016

Attending: J. Hagan, M. Yothers, S. Parente, K. Dommel, N. Godshall, S. Peterson, V. Alburger, K. Pisoni, C. Benfield, K. Derstein, L. Martin, K. Word, E. Feldwieser, S. Joyce, S. Boell, L. Springer, M. Jalboot, J. Reath, K. Adams, and L. Heineck.

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

President's Report: Jane Hagan

- Minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jen Reath and seconded by Elizabeth Feldwieser.
- The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Open House celebration is approaching and being held on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM. Various local dignitaries will be attending earlier in the evening. This is in lieu of the spring Open House this year and therefore there will also not be a spring book fair. Approximately two thirds of the cost of the t shirts for students and others was raised by Maureen Yothers via pledges in exchange for advertising on the back of the shirts. Many thanks to Kim Dommel who worked on the design for the shirts diligently over the summer. A list of possible volunteers to assist at the refreshment table during the celebration was solicited at the meeting.
  - Mrs. Heineck, on behalf of the planning committee, requested \$300 from the Home and School budget to cover the costs of refreshments at the event. After discussion and reassurance that due to cost savings on the shirts causing budget relief, Kim Dommel presented a motion to approve the \$300 for refreshments and Kara Derstein seconded her motion. The vote was unanimous.
- Picture day is approaching and is being held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer opportunity for two parents in the morning and two in the afternoon to assist with the various needs. Volunteers were solicited at the meeting and will be contacted under separate cover with the details. Thank you in advance.
- There were multiple Lego robotics items not being used due to some changes in the technology program last year. Lisa Leshner worked diligently this summer to sell them on eBay. She was able to recoup \$2,115.21 for the Home and School as a net profit. We will be presenting her with a \$100 Amazon gift card for her efforts and to extend our gratitude.

Principal's Report: Laura Heineck

- Thank you for your hospitality during our first week back to school and for the wonderful staff breakfast.
- The Back to School Picnic was a success and very well attended.
- The first day back to school was made special with the red carpet and by all of the parents who came to school that day to wish the students well and to cheer for them.
- Back to school night is approaching on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we made a video for all of the teachers to play at their sessions showcasing those individuals whom parents may not be able to otherwise meet including the nurse, reading specialist and many others.
- The Indian Valley Education Foundation supplied us with 17 mini iPads for our students to this year. We are grateful for their generosity.
- This week Mrs. Heineck had a meeting with a local Montgomery County Health Department representative who has some grant funds which she would like to apply towards some programs at Franconia to facilitate stimulating health awareness. They plan to donate calendars to the kids as well as other programs such as helping a local orchard donate apples to us for "crunchy apple day." They may also set up healthy food stations at some of our home and school events.
- The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up soon with local professionals and senators arriving at 4:15 that day. Several paintings were donated for displays that were painted by the original principal's son.

- There is a position open for a Cafeteria/Playground aide that entails one and half hours per day during the lunch and recess time.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> is an Act 80 teacher day which will focus on professional development for the staff including emphasis on new Apps available for use in the classrooms.

#### Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Parente

- The Treasurer's Report ending August 31, 2016 was submitted for review and inclusion in the minutes. It will be available online as well.
- There was \$15.50 in straggling yearbook revenue over the summer due to a check issue as reflected in the July revenue column.
- In transitioning the treasurer position this summer, all of the books had to be re-entered due to a difference in platforms (Mac vs. PC). There is an old amount of \$172.73 in our favor that can't be accounted for left from the treasurer prior to Carolyn Hahn. It is an overage and entered into our budget under miscellaneous.
- There were also some expenses for the Home and School this year including the insurance payment, Quicken, stamps and some other minor expenses. There were also some copy expenses in advance of the school year with back to school information and fundraising items to be distributed.
- There was a book blast expense this summer to pay the pool for the event held there.

#### Committee Reports:

- **Back to School Picnic**-Jen Reath: Attendance may have been at an all-time high on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Joe Leiss was our DJ and many volunteers were there to help. Lifetouch was there taking photographs for the yearbook as well.
- **Bingo Night**-Karen Anderson – This is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> and the bingo cage, balls and cards have already been reserved. Kim Dommel will be the point person that evening while Karen will handle all of the planning.
- **Box Tops** – Mandy Alderfer/ Liz Martin: The fall box tops fundraiser is beginning with a submission deadline of October 27<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent home shortly detailing the contest this year. The class with the most submissions is eligible for a spring reward. There will be a spring submission period as well as a possible post spring period through May so we do not miss any opportunities. There is a new box tops app that allows for double box tops for available offers in the app with just a scan of your receipt.
- **Coffee Klatch**-Janie Hagan: We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event for new parents on September 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 10 parents total who attended between both the morning and afternoon sessions.
- **Family Skate Night** – Karen Anderson: April 21<sup>st</sup> is confirmed at In-line 309 from 5:30-7:30PM.
- **Franconia Flyer** – Stacy Bucher: The Sept/October issue is out for printing and will be distributed shortly.
- **Fundraising** – Maureen Yothers: The Charleston Wrap fundraiser will begin in October with a kickoff assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate the fundraiser. This is taking the place of the Race for Education this year as that will be moving from the spring back to the fall next year. Wendy's Family night will be in November and March this year with 15% of any Franconia Families' checks being donated to the Home and School. Wawa Shorti coupons will also be sold in February.
- **Giant A+ Plus Rewards**- Megan Olberding: Register your Giant bonus card and each time you shop at Giant, you will automatically earn funds for our school. This program does not take away from any coupons or gas rewards the store also offers.
- **Hands Across the District** – Kelley Word: The volunteer forms have been collected and committee chairs should have all of the information within the next two weeks.
- **Home and School Website**- Kelli Adams: The website was updated over the summer. Please contact Kelli Adams with any items you would like to see on the site.
- **Homeroom Parent Coordinator** – Stacy Bucher: The lead process will initiate as soon as the Hands Across the District volunteers are received.

- **Hospitality** – Liz Martin and Ingrid Ahart: A “Set Sail for a New Year” breakfast was held for the teachers on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the 40 families who contributed. Staff Appreciation week is held the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **KidStuff Coupon Books**- Karen Anderson: Flyers have been sent home circulating information about the fundraiser. Books will be handed out at back to school night. The deadline is September 28<sup>th</sup> and we will be meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> to fill any orders. Volunteers are needed from 12:30 to 3:00 and a sign up genius is circulating.
- **Pretzel Day**-Kelli Adams: The first pretzel day is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help bag the pretzels at 1:15 PM that day.
- **School Directory** – Cheramie Benfield: Google Docs is being used to populate the directory this year for ease of entry. The directory will be coming out shortly since the process time has decreased.
- **Spanish Club - Karyn Winters** – Registration is open and will run through the 16<sup>th</sup> and is now district wide. Three levels including beginner, advanced and grammar will be offered. Questions should be directed towards Karyn Winters, [karyn3209@aol.com](mailto:karyn3209@aol.com)
- **Sundae Bar** – Kelley Word: Sundae Bar dates are October 26<sup>th</sup>, January 27<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be solicited through the Hands Across the District form.
- **Yearbook** – Kelli Adams: A Lifetouch photographer has been reserved for Home and School family nights and events including the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. A theme will be voted on by the student council shortly and the cover contest will be opened up to the fifth grade. Volunteers are needed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelli Adams  
Home and School Secretary