

## Franconia Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2017

Attending: J. Hagan, L. Heineck, S. Parente, S. Peterson, M. Yothers, K. Dommel, K. Word, K. Derstein, V. Alburger, S. Joyce, J. Flora, L. Botero, L. Hetherington, S. Bucher, C. Benfield, L. Brown, S. Boell, R. McNeff, L. Martin, L. Sanchez

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President, Janie Hagan

President's Report: Jane Hagan

- Minutes from the May 2017, meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Shawna Boell and seconded by Kara Derstein.
- Sign-up sheets were provided for upcoming events including KidStuff Coupon Book, Race for Education, and the Fall Mommy Market/Bake Sale.
- Home and School purchased a new shed for the school to store gym and Field Day equipment. It was installed over the summer by our Building Supervisor, Mr. Derstine.
- A digital newsletter, The Franconia Falcon Flyer has replaced the paper flyers that went out five times a year. The new flyer is emailed every Wednesday. The digital flyer has received good feedback and provides families with convenient access to important school information, updates and links. In order to have information added to the flyer you must submit the information to Stefanie Peterson by 9pm, the Tuesday before the flyer is to be emailed. You may do so by emailing her at [smbatts3@hotmail.com](mailto:smbatts3@hotmail.com).
- Baked goods are needed for the Fall Mommy Market on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are need for one hour shift to collect admission fees and to work the bake sale table.
- Volunteers are needed from 1-3pm on September 29<sup>th</sup> to help process KidStuff Book orders. If available, please contact Lauren Brown ([timandlauren@verizon.net](mailto:timandlauren@verizon.net)) or Kara Derstein ([kara.derstein@gmail.com](mailto:kara.derstein@gmail.com)).
- Ms. Kunicki discussed the importance of Spark Club. The club evolved from Lego Robotics. Spark Club helps with problem solving, teaches coding, and allows students to compete in national competitions. Ms. Kunicki presented a "Dream List" that she feels would aid in helping the club grow and become more successful.
- Per Janie, we have the money needed to fund the Spark Club in the technology account. A vote was taken to buy all items on Ms. Kunicki's list. Program to begin in October 2017. Motion passed by Val Alburger and Kara Derstein seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the purchase.
- Kim Dommel discussed Indian Valley Education Foundation and volunteer activities. They are a non-profit organization that supports educational initiatives for SASD. In the past, the foundation has purchased iPads for Social Studies, sponsored Book Blasts, Fifth Grade Promotion, the classroom design challenge, and many more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim at [k28ro@aol.com](mailto:k28ro@aol.com).
- Spanish Club is held after school and the deadline to register is September 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important to choose the class that is best for your child. Register online and make a copy of the registration form for Kim's records. There is a limited availability for this club. Please contact Kim Dommel with any questions, [k28ro@aol.com](mailto:k28ro@aol.com).

### Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Parente

- Treasurer's report was circulated and the revenue and expenditures were discussed.
- Teacher's grants have been changed from \$75 per teacher to \$50.
- Expenses: miscellaneous reflected the purchase of the shed, Muffins with Mom and The Boy's and Girl's Club. H&S paid for the labels for Race for Education, Franconia car magnets and inventory for Holiday Family Night. Home and School's two insurance policies were paid. Author visit for the Book Blast, Staff Appreciation Day, and copy center was also paid.
- Revenue: Received a check for \$41.72, from the Amazon Smile program.
- The current balance is \$28,851.15.

### Principal's Report: Laura Heineck

- Welcome back! This year's school focus is "Kindness." A school assembly was conducted to kick off the book, Forcefield for Good. Every teacher in the school was given a copy.
- Shawna Boell worked tirelessly on the Book Fair last year and helped sell over 1,700 books! That equals over 300,000 minutes of reading.
- Third grade has 26-27 students per classroom. A part-time teacher support assistant has been hired to aid the teachers with reading, writing and math.
- First In Math is an online program that helps students build their math skills. The students are showing excitement about the program.
- Franconia was awarded a grant from the Montgomery County Department of Health to build a community garden. Thirteen schools in the county were included in the grant and are dividing the money evenly. More information regarding this project will be available in October.

### Committee Reports:

- **Back to School Picnic:** Stefanie Peterson- Approximately 500 people came to celebrate the return to school. It was a beautiful, fun-filled evening.
- **Bingo Night:** Karen Anderson is training Shawna Boell on how to chair the event for next year. An opening for an additional committee chair is available.
- **Book Fair:** Will be held at the Open House on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the gym. A co-chair is still needed.
- **Box Tops:** Stephanie Parente: Beginning this year, there will be six collection periods. The first will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the last will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. At the end of each collection period, the class with the highest total will receive a large trophy to keep in their classroom. The trophy will stay in that classroom until the end of the next collection period. At the end of the last collection, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a final prize will be awarded to the classroom with the highest cumulative total. This year there will be a variety of prize choices and a teacher incentive has been added.
- **Dad's Nigh:** No report.
- **Fundraising:** Maureen Yothers- Our first Dine-Out Night will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Caruso's on Main Street in Souderton. The coupons are good from 11am-10pm, and can be used for dining in or carryout. The second Dine-Out Night will be held at Wendy's, on 113, in April 24, 2018.
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program:** This rewards program is good from October through March. All new parents will receive a hard copy. A new chair is needed for this program.
- **Mommy Market and Bake Sale:** Janie Hagan-Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. There has been a lot of interest on social media regarding this event. We have already sole 20 tables out of 40.
- **Lip Synch Night:** This event will replace Skate Night and is being chaired by Monica Jalboot and Lynne Solly. Lip Synch Night will be held at Indian Crest Middle School on Friday, April 13, 2018, at 7pm.

- **Hospitality:** Liz Martin- The Teacher Appreciation Event will be held in the winter to help boost spirits during this gloomy time of year. The date for the event has been scheduled for January 16, 2018.
- **KidStuff Coupon Book:** Karen Andersen- Lauren Brown and Kara Derstein have been working alongside Karen this year and will take over the fundraiser next year. Volunteers are still needed on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, to count and fill orders.
- **Spiritwear:** Katie Pisoni- magnets were sold at the Back to School Picnic and will be sold at Back to School Night. Spiritwear order forms will go home in the Communicator next week. Orders will be taken from September 18<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Race for Education:** There was an oversight in the packets that were distributed. Please return your labels by Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. An email blast went out today to all Franconia families regarding this matter. Volunteers are still needed on multiple days. Donations via PayPal are an option for this fundraiser.

A door prize drawing was completed and the meeting was concluded.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by,

Stefanie Peterson  
Home and School Secretary