



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY PTO
GENERAL MEETING
May 30, 2019
Meeting Minutes

PTO President Melissa Madden welcomed everyone. She mentioned this is the last meeting of the year. Everyone agreed that last night's 4th grade concert was great.

Mrs. Tierney gave a special thanks to Melissa Madden for guidance this year in her first year as principal. She thanked the parents for their involvement and commitment to students in the building, saying it has been amazing.

Franklin received an award grant of \$60,000 from SEF.

The school has all the materials needed for shifting indoor recess. Should be ready to start in June. Students will move into a center based approach recess. Playing across grade levels in these new indoor recess areas. Looking to build school community so students meet other students in other grades.

The school practiced a tornado drill during school on Wednesday. Students did great.

Testing for NJSLA went well, very few students opted out. Next year every 3rd and 4th grade will have their own chrome book that stays at school so testing should go faster as students can use the chrome books.

Teacher lists for grades will come out at the end of the year as there are some shifts in teachers.

Kevin Finn leader of the Boy Scouts at Franklin gave an overview of the boy scouts at Franklin. 46 boys are currently enrolled. They doubled the amount of pack events this year. Some events included a camp in at Liberty Science Center, camping at Camp Lakeview, family camping at Watching Reservation which 28 families attended, American essay contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge, treks plastic collection, Pinewood Derby, Rain gutter Regatta add a bottle rocket competition. The pack is flexible so make events that you can and can join in any year. The sign up for next year would be during the first week of school. They will coordinate the date and announcement through the PTO.

Voted in the new slate for PTO Board next year.

Reminder to order school supplies for next year. Info can be found on Franklin website.

Caroline Heyer (Treasurer) discussed the PTO Budget. She mentioned that the Franklin Fair is the biggest fundraiser and it went fantastically well this year so thank you. Smaller fundraisers include the holiday shop and book fair. Some things the PTO does with the money includes movie night, back to school BBQ, popsicles, assemblies, field trips, mini grants for teachers and artist in residence. Every dollar the PTO earns through fundraisers and dues they spend on the school. They buy books and other items for classrooms. Questions came up about Amazon smile and Scripts and if they were still donating. Caroline stressed that all money the PTO earns helps and the PTO puts every dollar back into the school in some way.

Isabel Ribeiro (Volunteer Coordinator) said all volunteer positions filled for next year. Melissa stressed that Franklin Fair will always need help. 5th grade parent coordinators will be needed and Colonial Day planners.

Franklin is in charge of the annual SEF event next year. We will need help from volunteers.