



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY PTO

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7:00pm, Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Rachel Frank, Casey Cohen, Sarah Fitzsimmons, Erin Pesant, Kristin Pustylnik, Jessica Shin, Janice Tierney, Franklin parents

1) President's Welcome & PTO Update - Rachel Frank

- Grateful for attendance at tonight's virtual meeting and for the Franklin community's generosity thus far in this very unique school year
- High engagement in PTO dues, mask sale, and poster gratitude gallery for our teachers and staff
- Masks are in and will be distributed this week
- Successful launch of staff appreciation initiative
- Franklin families have already sponsored a lunch and a coffee/treats break, four more are currently in the works
- Reach out to Sarah Fitzsimmons if you are interested in contributing to this year-long effort
- Musical/Performing Arts
 - PTO has received a lot of inquiries regarding the Franklin musical
 - PTO is committed to supporting performing arts at Franklin
 - Given the current COVID environment, the musical will have to take on a different form this year
 - Timing will be moved to the spring instead of winter
 - PTO will be readdressing the plan in January
 - If there are any interested parents that would like to lead the performing arts initiative, please email Rachel Frank directly

2) Introduction of 2020/21 PTO Executive Board – Rachel Frank

- President - Rachel Frank
- VP - Casey Cohen
- Treasurer - Kristin Pustylnik
- Asst Treasurer - Erin Pesant
- VP Communications - Sue Huffman
- Asst Communications - Jessica Shin
- Volunteer Coordinator - Sarah Fitzsimmons
- Staff Representatives - Janice Tierney, Catherine Alberico, Kate Polles



3) Volunteer Coordinator Update - Sarah Fitzsimmons

- Volunteering looks different this year, but our committee chairs are in place and ready to go
- PTO is committed to exploring programs/events that we can execute safely under the guidelines
- Efforts are focused on community building and bonding this year
- We are thinking outside the box and welcome any ideas from the parent community

4) Principal's Welcome - Janice Tierney

- Thank you to parent community for attending this evening
- PTO is pivotal to our culture and community at Franklin
- Every year is a little different, but the commitment level, engagement, and creativity of our Franklin families is always the same
- PTO supports numerous school programs
- Staff appreciation initiatives have been very well received
- Our classroom teachers have been most impacted by our new environment, but there have been no complaints, and they have been positive and amazing!

5) Presentation of PTO Overview and Budget - Kristin Pustynik & Rachel Frank

- *Please refer to the presentation document posted on the Franklin PTO website: franklinparents.com*
- Motion to approve budget and 2nd motion received
- Special thanks to last year's Franklin Fair silent auction team for pivoting so quickly and creating a successful virtual auction

6) Closing - Rachel Frank

- Please be on the lookout for weekly PTO email blasts on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm
- Rachel Frank will remain on the Zoom call if anyone has questions related to the PTO
- Parents can also reach out via email to Rachel or any Board member with questions