



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY PTO

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 19, 2021, 9:00am, Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Franklin PTO Executive Board members, Principal Janice Tierney, Franklin parents

1) President's Update (Rachel Frank)

- Welcome
- SEF "Spring For Excellence" virtual fundraiser on Friday, April 30
- Franklin "Meet the Superintendent" event on Thursday, May 20 at 9:00am
 - Franklin parents are invited to a virtual Q&A session with Superintendent Scott Hough
 - PTO to send additional information next month
- Franklin performing arts
 - Two workshops received overwhelmingly positive feedback
 - SPARC hosted a Facebook live Q&A event with student performers and Wharton directors
 - PTO hopes to continue the partnership with Wharton and is seeking parent input
 - Please contact Rachel Frank if interested

2) Nominations for PTO Executive Board 2021-2022 (Casey Cohen)

- Nominees
 - President - Casey Cohen
 - Vice President - Elizabeth Somerlot
 - Communications Vice President - Jessica Shin
 - Assistant Communications - Nicole Perry
 - Treasurer - Kristin Pustylnik
 - Assistant Treasurer - Erika Ascher
 - Volunteer Coordinator - Sarah Fitzsimmons
- Volunteerism
 - There are still many opportunities to volunteer and/or to serve as a committee chair
 - We will be moving forward with a shadowing program for volunteers
 - Please contact Sarah Fitzsimmons for more information



3) State of the School (Principal Janice Tierney)

- 5th grade graduation kickoff
 - There will be a celebratory, socially-distanced gathering on the Franklin Field on Friday, June 11 at 11:00am (Rain date: Monday, June 14 at 11:00am)
 - Two guests per graduating student
 - Event will be dependent on weather and Covid guidelines
 - Please watch for announcements from the 5th grade planning committee
- PE class update
 - Mrs. Burr has begun in-person PE instruction and is hoping to provide at least two periods of live PE for every class before the end of the school year
 - Classes will be dependent on weather and Covid guidelines
- Standardized test updates
 - NJSLA cancelled for this year
 - Fall testing window will be end of September into October
 - Our district data shows that students are progressing, many at or above expectations
 - Summer academy will be offered to address remediation needs (information is forthcoming)
- Special thanks to the PTO Executive board for their efforts during an unprecedented year and to our Franklin parents and families for their continued support

4) Staff Appreciation Week, May 3 - May 7 (Sarah Fitzsimmons)

- Special thanks to Megan Rende for leading this effort
- Highlights include:
 - Monday – Dunkin’ Donuts and coffee
 - Tuesday – Franklin tote bag
 - Wednesday – Mexican Spice food truck lunch to celebrate Cinco de Mayo
 - Thursday – Franklin-branded gift
 - Friday – Ice cream truck

5) Franklin Fair 2021 (Elizabeth Somerlot & Leah Enthoven)

- PTO Executive Board gives special thanks to Franklin Fair Chairs Elizabeth Somerlot and Leah Enthoven and to Silent Auction Chairs Alicia Broughel and Alyssa Vazquez for their incredible efforts to produce this virtual event
- The Children’s Raffle is live with 60+ baskets
 - Closes on Friday, April 23 at 11:00pm
- The Silent Auction will be live later today
 - Closes on Saturday, April 24 at 10:00pm



- Special thanks to Nehali Narayan and Pooja Pendse for their assistance with Silent Auction
- “Parents’ Night In” comedy night (adults only) to take place Friday, April 23 at 8:45pm
- Families should purchase Franklin tickets ASAP at Franklin2021.givesmart.com
 - Ticket sales close on Thursday, April 22 at 10:00pm
- Franklin Fair Chairs will be at pickup this week to distribute gift bags
- Class Parents will be distributing Children’s Raffle worksheets this week
- If you have any issues with the Givesmart website, or if you make a mistake while purchasing tickets or making raffle selections, please do not hesitate to reach out to Enthoven or Somerlot directly
- 50/50 raffle is new to Franklin Fair this year
 - Winner to be announced on Friday, April 23 at 10:00pm
- Family members and friends are encouraged to register at Franklin2021.givesmart.com to purchase tickets and bid
- Please follow Franklin PTO on Instagram and Facebook for updates