

Ben Franklin Elementary PTO

October 2021 Meeting Minutes

WHEN: Monday, October 18, 2021

WHERE: BF Library & on Zoom **Facilitator(s):** Bonne Giglio

PTO BOARD: Bonne Giglio, Sandy Cayo, Donna Erichsen, Nicole Bottrel, Kate Schumacher, and Megan Coopersmith

ATTENDEES: Principal Jay Billy, PTO Board, BF Teachers, Ben Franklin Parents/Guardians

START TIME: 7:04 **END TIME:** 7:32

Topic and Spokesperson	Discussion Points
<p>Introductions Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>PTO Board introduced themselves Board members introduced themselves Bonne Giglio-PTO President Sandy Cayo-Vice President 1 Donna Erichsen-Vice President 2 Kate Schumacher-Treasurer Nicole Bottrel- Corresponding Secretary Megan Coopersmith-Recording Secretary</p>
<p>PTO President's Update Bonne Giglio</p>	<p><u>Spirit Wear Sales</u> -raised almost \$2,000 -almost 100 unique orders sold -just t-shirts were sold during this sale. We will be having another sale in January with 5-6 options that will be a pre-order method. You will choose your items and purchase what you want and then Bonne will place the order with the company</p> <p><u>Donation Drive</u> -We have raised over \$4,000 in donation drive -We are very thankful to everyone who has given donations. These donations will help us fulfill our goal of having low or no cost events for every family at Ben Franklin.</p> <p><u>Fall Fest</u> free, safe, fun event and wrapped Mr. Billy up as a mummy</p> <p><u>Coin Wars</u> -Raised \$1,353.98 Pre-K/K: \$257.69</p>

<p>PTO President's Update cont.</p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>1st grade: \$498.43 2nd grade: \$309.36 3rd grade: \$288.50 Grand Total: \$1,353.98</p> <p>-first graders won and will get an extra recess and popsicles with Mr. Billy</p> <p>-Lots of upcoming events and activities in the works - Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving food drive, Teacher clubs</p>
<p>Principal Update</p> <p>Mr. Billy</p>	<p><u>Fall Fest</u> It was a safe, fun event for kids It was a beautiful day outdoor events whenever we can are awesome! thanked PTO and volunteers for making Fall Fest a great event</p> <p><u>School Updates</u> Things are going great at school. Everyone is being very careful. If children aren't feeling well, parents are keeping them home. -2 positive Covid tests a couple weeks ago, but so far no more. -only 2 days so far of indoor recess so luckily recess has been outdoors for the most part -parents should read newsletter -newsletters always have the newest info at the top of it -squid game- inappropriate for school. Please be aware of what your children are watching and don't allow them to watch things that aren't appropriate for their age</p> <p><u>Halloween</u> -Friday, October 29th are the Halloween parades Parade Times for October 29, 2021 PreK and Kindergarten - 9:45 AM First Grade - 1:15 PM Second Grade - 1:45 Third Grade - 2:15</p> <p>parades are 20 minutes and then leave because the school needs the area to clear out to make room for the next group to have their parade -Be sure to come back later on to go to the Book Fair which is an outdoor event behind the school and Trunk or Treat later at 6pm -no big parties in classrooms with parents, but reach out to the teacher to see what's going on in the school -Mr. Billy made the schedule for Friday that all academics end at 1:15 and the rest of the day is for the fun stuff like parties and parades.</p> <p><u>Healing Center</u> -All elementary schools got a grant for a healing center and the PTO will be helping with this.</p>

<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Kate Schumacher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer's Report: October 2021</p> <p>(See last page)</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Fall Fest</u> Megan Coopersmith spoke -great event, big turnout -looked like people had a fun time and saw many happy kids -weather was perfect -thanked everyone who came to the event and thanked all the volunteers -It was really a community-run event and she was very grateful to all those that helped out.</p> <p><u>Trunk or Treat</u> Nicole Bottrel spoke -will be held on Friday, October 29th 6-7:30pm in the school parking lot -open to Ben Franklin families only -so far 20 families have signed up to be trunks, but if you still want to sign up, just email Nicole at bfptocorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com -need 350 edible or nonedible allergy friendly treats - if you are being a trunk, arrive at 5:15 to set up and the parking lot will close by 5:45pm -one lucky family will win a prize for best trunk -PTO is going to buy some candy as well so there will be donatable candy in case someone wants to be a trunk, but doesn't want to get all the candy</p> <p><u>Homeroom Coordinator</u> Donna Erichsen spoke -still missing coordinators for some classes: DiCuio, Vinch, Taglairino, Basmagy -not a big job-if can email, you can be a coordinator -Donna is creating a facebook group for all the coordinators to work together -thank you to those who have reached out and volunteered to be a coordinator -Donna will be reaching out again to the classes that don't have a coordinator</p>
<p>New Business</p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p><u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> Dates: Wed. 10/27 preview day during school for the kids Wed. 10/27 from 4pm-6pm, Thurs. 10/28 11am-2pm for the kids to come down and get their books & 4pm-6pm; Fri. 10/29 9am-3pm & 4pm-7pm - To be held outside in back parking lot</p>

<p>New Business cont.</p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p><u>Trunk or Treat</u> – October 29th</p> <p><u>Dine to Donate</u> -Our 1st event will take place Sat. October 23rd from 11am-4pm at Captain Paul’s, show the flyer on your phone or bring a paper flyer with you</p> <p><u>Teacher Appreciation:</u> November 18th -hosted by Pre K and Kindergarten -will reach out to homeroom coordinators and classes without coordinators as well -It will be a lunch for all 90 staff and teachers at BF -email will go out this week -Sandy is looking to identify a place that can bring in trays so she may take cash donations as well</p> <p><u>Food Drive and Coat Drive</u> -doing food drive in November and coat and hat drive in December</p> <p><u>Sensory Corner</u> -Sensory corner for children in special needs classrooms. Sensory corner was at Fall Fest. It was on the side next to the kindergarten modular building. Will be having a sensory corner at PTO events going forward. It will be available at most nights of Book Fair. There will be headphones, silly putty, and sensory balls there. -If you have concerns about bringing children to PTO events, let her know. PTO wants to make sure all families are comfortable bringing their children to PTO events</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> -Nicole does a newsletter email every week. If you are not getting it, reach out to Nicole at bfptocorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com and let her know</p>
<p>Questions or Comments</p> <p>All</p>	<p>-no questions were asked</p> <p>-38 people on zoom, 13 people in room</p>
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>Next PTO meeting: November 15th at 7pm</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Thank you all for coming! Stay connected with us: Ben Franklin PTO Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BFLawrNj Ben Franklin PTO Twitter: @bfpto Ben Franklin PTO website: http://bfpto.org/</p>

Treasurer's Report

	Description		Deposit	Expense		
10/1/2021	Check for Sept Event Expenses			-278		
10/14/2021	Check for Spirit Wear			-1166		
10/14/2021	Paypal Balance		573.78			
10/14/2021	Cash Box Balance		100			
10/14/2021	Venmo from Fall Fest		667			
10/14/2021	Fall Fest expenses			1085		
10/14/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Spirit wear	175			202191400000001
10/14/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Donations	400			202191400000002
10/14/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Coin Wars	1384			202191400000003
10/1/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Spirit wear	335			202191000000001
10/1/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Donations	1040			202191000000002
9/21/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Spirit wear	140			202182100000001
9/21/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Donations	635			202182100000002
9/17/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Spirit wear	300			202181700000001
9/17/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Spirit wear	1045			202181700000002
9/16/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Donations	2321.06			202181600000001
9/9/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Expenses		-1257.5		202189000000001
9/9/2021	SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	Website Expense		-119.88		202189000000002
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	Total Delta:		9115.84	-1736.38		