

# Ben Franklin Elementary PTO

## February 2022 Meeting Minutes

**WHEN:** Monday, February 7, 2022

**WHERE:** 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, Ben Franklin teacher, Ben Franklin Parents/Guardians

**START TIME:** 7:05pm **END TIME:** 7:28pm

<b>Topic and Spokesperson</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>
<b>Introductions</b> Bonne Giglio	PTO Board introduced themselves Bonne Giglio-PTO President, Kate Schumacher-Treasurer, Nicole Bottrel-Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Cayo-Alassan-Vice President 1, Donna Erichsen-Vice President 2, Megan Coopersmith-Recording Secretary
<b>PTO President's Update</b>  Bonne Giglio	<p>-It has been a busy month so far! We are doing more fundraisers during the second half of the year to raise money. The first half of the year had a lot more free family events, and now we need to fundraise.</p> <p><u>Flash Sale on Spirit Wear</u> -flash sale is going well. We've sold over 40 shirts. If you want to purchase discounted spirit wear, please visit: <a href="http://bfpto.org/spirit-wear-flash-sale/">http://bfpto.org/spirit-wear-flash-sale/</a></p> <p><u>Cookie Kit Fundraiser</u> -Cookies being made by Cafe du Pain. We've sold over 30 kits so far! <a href="#">See flyer</a></p> <p><u>Candy Gram Fundraiser</u> -Sold over 180 Carnation with Candy Grams so far! <a href="#">See flyer</a></p> <p><u>Dine to Donate</u> -The next Dine to Donate is at Cafe du Pain on Saturday, February 12th from 10am-2pm <a href="#">See flyer</a></p> <p><u>Teacher Clubs</u> -We're getting ready to have teacher clubs in the spring! So far we have 6 clubs. The final schedule for the teacher clubs will be out in the next 2 weeks and the clubs will start the</p>

<p><b>PTO President's Update (cont.)</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>first week of March. Some clubs will have different beginning dates or longer run times so be sure to pay attention to the signup.</p> <p><u>Teacher Grants</u></p> <p>-The PTO has been able to fund over \$1,700 in teacher requests! Some items that have been funded are the chicks, trout, and an assembly that will be held in May.</p> <p>-Flyers can always be found up on our website so anytime you need to see a flyer or print out another copy, check out website at: <a href="http://bfpto.org/">http://bfpto.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Principal Update</b></p> <p>Mr. Billy</p>	<p>-Last week was a full week as you saw in the newsletter. There is a lot going on in the month of February.</p> <p>-Feb 21st is Presidents Day so there is no school. As of right now, the school is also closed the following day of February 22nd because it was a snow day that we didn't use.</p> <p><u>Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)</u></p> <p>-Mr. Billy is planning to host an event for families to watch the hour-long video he has that discusses and teaches about ACEs. The video talks about the history of toxic stress and ACEs. There is so much trauma our kids have gone through especially now with the COVID pandemic. He also wants to discuss the need to build connections with kids, and being the trusted adult for some kids that may not have that in their lives. He will set up a date for the live showing of the video for one evening. He did this about four years district wide and 50 families showed up so he would like to do it again. He said it is important to understand adverse childhood experiences and the effects on the brain and how to turn it around.</p> <p>-All elementary schools are part of a healing center engagement grant. The staff will be trained in this. It is taking a step further than just learning about trauma. It is learning how to engage our students in order to end the cycle of trauma in the lives of our students.</p> <p><u>St. Baldrick's Fundraiser</u></p> <p>-St. Baldrick's fundraising is happening now. Mr. Billy does this every year. He is planning to do some fun activities like Tape Mr. Billy to the Wall or Coin Wars, or Jeans Day.</p> <p>This year, you don't have to get your head shaved to be part of the fundraising team. To Join or Donate to the Ben Franklin Team go here:  <a href="https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/132458/2022">https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/132458/2022</a>  To Donate to Mr. Billy's St. Baldrick's page:  <a href="https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1090725/2022">https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1090725/2022</a></p>

<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Kate Schumacher</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report: February 2022</b></p> <p>**See last page of Meeting Minutes for Kate Schumacher's Treasurer's Report**</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Dine to Donate</u>  -The next Dine to Donate is at Cafe du Pain on Saturday, February 12th from 10am-2pm  <a href="#">See flyer</a></p> <p><u>1st Grade Teacher Appreciation Breakfast</u>  -Sandy Cayo-Alassan spoke  -taking place this Thursday morning. First grade families have volunteered to send in food and supplies, and families have also sent in money. We raised \$140 and will put food in individualized containers  -On Thursday we will also be gifting the school nurse with a gift bag</p> <p><u>3rd Grade Committee</u>  -Megan Coopersmith spoke  -She said the date for the 3rd grade party has been set for Saturday, June 4th</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p><u>By-laws</u>  The PTO by-laws need to be updated this year. The PTO will send out the proposed changes by email in the next couple weeks for families to review and we will vote on them at the next PTO meeting in March.</p> <p><u>New Committees in Need of Volunteers</u>  -To aid in the fundraising effort and organize fundraising events, the PTO is forming new committees and it needs volunteers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Color Run- Will be in March. Rich Schumacher has volunteered to chair this event</li> <li>2. End of the Year Carnival: Will be in June. It will be a big fundraiser. There will be raffle baskets so volunteers are needed to help collect and request donated items for the raffle.</li> <li>3. Screen Free Week: Will be the first week in May and usually is an event each night of that week so the committee will come up with events for it.</li> </ol>

<p><b>New Business (cont.)</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>4. Parents Night Out: The committee will work on what it would look like. In the past it was a fundraiser in a rented hall with catered food, but that will likely not be the plan this year. The committee will pick when to have this event.</p> <p>5. Clothing Drive: the chair will be in charge of taking all the clothes that were donated by BF families to the location to get it weighed. The PTO will receive money from the company based on how much total weight of clothing was donated.</p> <p>If you want to be on a committee listed, please email the PTO at <a href="mailto:bfptorocks@gmail.com">bfptorocks@gmail.com</a></p> <p><u>Important Deadlines:</u>  Cookie Kits:  Orders are due 02/09/2022 for 02/12/2022 pick up at Café Du Pain (10am-2pm)  Or submit orders by 02/08/2022 for 02/11/2022 for pick-up at Ben Franklin  Carnation with Candy Grams:  Orders are due Thursday, February 10th</p>
<p><b>Questions or Comments</b></p> <p>All</p>	<p>-1st Grade families that are sending in food items for the breakfast can send in any nonperishable item on Wednesday so it's at the school for set up at 7:45am Thursday morning. If an item needs to be dropped off Thursday morning, please get it there by 8:40am latest. The PTO will be setting up the breakfast at 7:45am.</p> <p>-Scholastic book order is getting sent to the school to replenish the new books available to give students. Every student will get 1 book for their birthday and 1 book or maybe more for the summer!</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p><b>Next PTO meeting: Monday March 14, 2022</b></p> <p>Remaining meetings for the year: April 20, and May 9</p> <p>March 14: vote on proposed by-laws changes  April 20: nominations for open seats on the PTO Board  May 9: vote for the open seats on the PTO Board</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Thank you all for coming!  Stay connected with us:  Ben Franklin PTO Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BFLawrNj">https://www.facebook.com/BFLawrNj</a>  Ben Franklin PTO Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/bfpto">@bfpto</a>  Ben Franklin PTO website: <a href="http://bfpto.org/">http://bfpto.org/</a></p>

**Treasurer's Report submitted by Kate Schumacher:**

1/20/22	Quiver Farms	Extra for chicks	Y	Family School Activities	-\$75.00	
1/20/22	LMS/LHS PTO	Insurance	Y	Insurance	-\$447.16	
1/20/22	LMS/LHS PTO	Insurance	Y	Insurance	-\$500.00	
1/13/22	Stephany Rumril	Cookie Club	Y	Teacher Club Reimbursement	-\$45.08	
1/11/22	Bonne Giglio	Pie Expenses	Y	Teacher Appreciation Activity	-\$130.49	
1/10/22	Kim Menchu	Teacher Request	Y	Teacher Clubs	-\$209.88	
1/3/22	Scholastic Book Fair	Book Fair Share	Y	Income Categories	-\$3,492.51	
1/21/22	Ben Franklin Elementary School	Deposit		Dine and Donate		\$343.10
1/19/22	Stacy Donohue	Teacher Request			-\$76.44	