

Ben Franklin Elementary PTO

October 2022 Meeting Minutes

WHEN: Monday, October 17, 2022

WHERE: In person and Zoom **Facilitator(s):** Bonne Giglio

PTO BOARD: Bonne Giglio, Petra Crevier, Rachelle Picarello, Nicole Bottrel, Kristen Paladino, and Megan Coopersmith

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

START TIME: 7:02pm **END TIME:** 7:28pm

Topic and Spokesperson	Discussion Points
<p>Introductions Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>Board introduced themselves: Bonne Giglio-PTO President, Petra Crevier-VP1, Rachelle Picarello-VP2, Nicole Bottrel-Corresponding Secretary, Megan Coopersmith-Recording Secretary, and Kristen Paladino-Treasurer</p>
<p>Principal Update Mr. Billy</p>	<p>Mr. Billy talked about Fall Fest. He thanked the PTO for the event. He said it was an amazing day and he thanked the volunteers for helping and all the families that came out.</p> <p>Halloween is coming up. Kids do a parade outside around the circle and parents stand in the middle (grassy area). The kids go around a couple times, but if you're late, you will miss them. Each teacher will do whatever they want to do before the parade. The parade is on Monday, October 31st at 1:45 and there is no rain date. If it rains a lot, it will be inside.</p> <p>Kids will eat lunch early and at 1:15pm, the kids will get ready for the parade. We will do the parade and then kids can finish the day or parents at the parade can sign out their kid(s).</p>
<p>PTO President's Update Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>Teacher Clubs are going great. Please send notes every day of the club. One note for the entire club doesn't work so please do a note each week. 2 clubs get dismissed through the gym so be sure you are going in the right spot at pickup. You must get out of your car and wait by the door to pick up your child.</p> <p>Winter session teacher clubs will be offered! We know there will be a field hockey club so far. Guessing the winter clubs will run in the Jan/Feb/March range</p>

	<p>Fall Fest- It was amazing to see everyone on a beautiful fall day outside having fun. Thank youtube Megan Coopersmith for organizing the event and thank you to all the volunteers for helping at that event.</p> <p>Students suggested the idea of having new indoor recess items. Students were complaining that the indoor toys were boring so we will be holding a vote and letting the students pick which item they want the PTO to buy. Once the students vote and the winning item is chosen, the PTO will purchase the item for the students to enjoy during indoor recess.</p> <p>There will be a school assembly in November or December.</p> <p>-We're always looking for ideas for assemblies, teacher clubs, PTO events, etc. We want to be here and be responsive to what parents want to see in the school so please reach out to bfptorocks@gmail.com if you want to share your ideas.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Kristen Paladino</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer's Report: October 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10/17 Meeting Summary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Made \$5,507 (less \$55.56 in Clover Fees) selling the NEW Spirit Wear, paid for part, totaling \$1,560. 2. Collected \$1,689 (total YTD \$3,160) from Direct Appeal (less \$35.23 in Clover Fees) 3. Collected \$5,745 (pending Signup Genius Funds) less \$124.09 in Clover Expenses for Teacher Clubs. 4. Net \$154 for Ice Cream Social. 5. Coin Wars - \$841.44 so far!
<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Coin Wars</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nicole Bottrel spoke -Mr Billy announced today the winning grade. 3rd grade was the winner! Nicole will mention in the newsletter this week the breakdown that each grade raised. Thank you to all the families that donated <p><u>Dine to Donate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Petra Crevier spoke -First Dine to Donate will be at Candela's on Monday, October 24th 12-9pm. You can dine in or take out -Candela's is donating 10% of proceeds and at the end of the night, they will match it so it's a double contribution! Make sure to bring flyer or show it on your phone -Chuck e Cheese will be in November -Five Below will be in December

<p>Committee Reports (cont.)</p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Spirit Wear</u> -Rachelle Picarello spoke -Order was placed and we are waiting for the printing company to send us the designs for us to approve and then it goes to production. We expect families to receive their spirit wear by beginning to mid-November.</p> <p><u>Fall Fest</u> -Megan Coopersmith spoke -it was a great day yesterday. It looked like the kids and families had a wonderful time. The budget for the event was \$1,000 but it went a little over budget and ended up costing about \$1,170. We collected about \$1,000 from admissions which almost paid for the event, and then with the money raised from the raffle baskets, 50/50, snacks and spirit wear sales, we ended up with a profit of \$882. About 200 kids attended the event!</p> <p><u>Trunk or Treat</u> -Nicole Bottrel spoke -It is on Friday October 28 6-7:30 -It is fun to see kids come out and get excited to see the cars have 14 cars so far that signed up to be trunks, but would love 20. If interested in being a trunk at Trunk or Treat, please sign up here!!</p> <p><u>PreK and Kindergarten appreciation lunch</u> -Nicole Bottrel spoke -The Teacher Appreciation meals are hosted by grade level families -The first Teacher Appreciation Meal sponsored by each grade will be on Monday November 14 and it is hosted by PreK and K families -There will be a sign up genius for food items, paper goods, and monetary items -This first meal is funded exclusively by the prek and kindergarten families</p> <p><u>Book Fair</u> -Kristen Paladino spoke -Preview day is Nov 16 and the Book Fair is Thurs, Fri, Monday and Tuesday. We will also be doing a family event on Saturday the 19th. -Book Fair committee will be meeting this week to go through details so will share more later</p> <p><u>Homeroom Coordinators</u> -Rachelle Picarello spoke -Coordinators should have spoken to teachers and helpers to figure out the plan for Halloween. Coordinators need to include the helpers of the class as well</p>
<p>New Business</p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Parents Night Out</u> -Rachelle Picarello spoke -Mr. Billy will babysit the kids for 3 hours. Friday, December 9 from 6-9pm -There will be pizza, beverages, sweet treat, movie, Mr. Billy</p>

<p>New Business cont.</p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p>-registration is required and there is a fee -limited spots available -be on the lookout for more information and a sign up</p> <p><u>Food Drive</u> -Bonne Giglio spoke -details will come out about that. PTO will work with Ms. Cherry to organize a Thanksgiving Food Drive</p>
<p>Questions or Comments</p> <p>All</p>	
<p>Announcements</p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>-next PTO Meeting is November 14th 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>