

# Ben Franklin Elementary PTO

## May 2022 Meeting Minutes

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022

**WHERE:** In person and 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 Parents/Guardians

**START TIME:** 7:02pm **END TIME:** 7:25pm

| <b>Topic and Spokesperson</b>                 | <b>Discussion Points</b>   |
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| <b>Introductions</b><br>Bonne Giglio          | Bonne Giglio, Megan Coopersmith, and Nicole Bottrel introduced themselves. Sandy Cayo, Donna Erichsen, and Kate Schumacher were not in attendance.   |
| <b>PTO President's Update</b><br>Bonne Giglio | <p>-We had an amazing week with Teacher Appreciation Week and Screen Free week happening at the same time. It was a very busy week, but we were able to treat teachers to things every day and then at night do fun things with the students.</p> <p>-Strategic Plan meeting with Dr. Kasun is still trying to be scheduled. Still working on a date for it.</p> <p>-PTO has sponsored the music concert assembly that is happening on Friday, May 20th.</p> <p>-PTO has also sponsored the planetarium assembly that is happening on Monday, May 23rd.</p> <p>-There is a busy June schedule with a lot of events happening so pay attention to the PTO newsletter and Mr. Billy's newsletter</p> |
| <b>Principal Update</b><br>Mr. Billy          | <p>-PTO and the families went above and beyond for Teacher Appreciation Week and the evening activities for Screen Free Week were amazing and everything worked out so perfectly.</p> <p>-Today was the last day of 3rd grade testing, but there are a ton of make-up tests to do. COVID has come back and has caused students to be out so we need to do makeup tests which will hopefully be done by the end of next week.</p> <p>-Testing has been enjoyable for some students and a struggle for some students. Some kids were crying during the test and Mr. Billy is not allowed to help them or help explain the</p>  |

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| <p><b>Principal Update cont.</b></p> <p>Mr. Billy</p>   | <p>question to them so that was tough to deal with.</p> <p>-Students have lost a lot of their independence over the last two years and Mr. Billy has noticed due to this, students have a loss of skills. Third graders are still fighting over who is first in line still. Pandemic has stunted them. Mr. Billy will put in his newsletter some ideas for the summer to help students gain their independence and problem solving skills. He has noticed an inability for students to think on their own and do things on their own. He said kids need to learn to do dangerous things safely. He encourages families to take kids out and let them go outside and play in the dirt, climb logs, swing on trees and learn to do these types of dangerous things safely.</p>   |
| <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Kate Schumacher</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Treasurer's Report: May 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">**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><b><u>Spirit Wear</u></b><br/> Nicole Bottrel spoke<br/> 35 families placed orders and all orders have been delivered. If you ordered spirit wear and did not receive it, reach out to Nicole at <a href="mailto:bfptocorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com">bfptocorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com</a><br/> -Extra spirit wear items were also purchased and will be for sale at the Carnival on June 12th. They are leftover items so there will be limited sizes and styles.</p> <p><b><u>Volunteer Appreciation Event</u></b><br/> Nicole Bottrel spoke<br/> If you were kind enough to give time to volunteer to chair a PTO event or volunteer at a PTO event this year, we want to show our appreciation by giving you back some "you time"<br/> -drop and go event at Amerikick Princeton on Saturday, June 11 from 5-8pm<br/> -Kids will be fed pizza, snacks and drinks and will be taken care of while you enjoy time off<br/> -To sign up, <a href="#">please visit the signup genius</a> and include your name, your child or children's names, and the PTO event you volunteered at.<br/> -<a href="#">See Volunteer Appreciation flyer for more details</a></p> <p><b><u>3rd Grade Committee</u></b><br/> Megan Coopersmith spoke<br/> -Every 3rd grader, plus every 3rd grade teacher and Mr. Billy are all receiving a 3rd grade shirt as a class gift. The order has been submitted and they should arrive in a couple weeks.<br/> -The 3rd grade yearbook is almost done and will be submitted at the end of this week.<br/> -The 3rd grade party is Saturday, June 4 from 3:30pm-6:30pm. There will be a magician doing a one hour magic show, Italian Ice truck, cotton candy, prizes, raffle, games, and chances to have a bucket of water dumped on Mr. Billy's head.<br/> -<a href="#">See 3rd Grade Party flyer for more details</a></p> |

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| <p><b>Committee Reports cont.</b></p> <p>Event chairs</p> | <p><b><u>End of Year Carnival</u></b><br/>         Bonne Giglio spoke<br/>         -Sunday, June 12th from 12pm-3pm<br/>         -still working on the details<br/>         -there will be a flyer sent out, but mark your calendars because it will be super fun and there will be lots of games, prizes and food</p>   |
| <p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p>            | <p><b><u>Elections:</u></b><br/>         -No additional nominations were made. All positions were running unopposed. Election was held.<br/>         1st VP: Petra Crevier- 8 yes 0 no<br/>         2nd VP: Rachele Picarello- 9 yes 0 no<br/>         Treasurer: Kristen Paladino- 10 yes 0 no<br/>         Congratulations to Petra, Rachele and Kristen for being elected into the PTO Board!<br/>         Thank you to Kate, Donna, and Sandy for all your efforts and hard work this year on the PTO Board! We appreciate you and are grateful to you all!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>May 27: No School<br/>         May 28: Memorial Day Parade. To walk with BF group, meet at 10am in parking lot. Parents don't have to do the walk, they can meet at the park at the end if they prefer<br/>         May 30: No School<br/>         June 2: Unity Day for 3rd Graders to go visit LIS<br/>         June 4: 3rd Grade Party 3:30-6:30pm<br/>         June 9: Field Day<br/>         June 11: Volunteer Appreciation Event at Amerikick 5-8pm<br/>         June 12: Carnival 12-3pm<br/>         June 17: Trenton Thunder Game<br/>         June 21: Chalk the Walk<br/>         June 22: Last Day of School and 3rd Grade Clap Out!</p> |
| <p><b>Questions or Comments</b></p> <p>All</p>            | <p>none</p>  |

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| <p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p>Bonne Giglio</p> | <p>-This was the last PTO meeting of the school year!</p>  |
| <p><b>Adjournment</b></p>                       | <p>Thank you all for coming!<br/> Stay connected with us:<br/> Ben Franklin PTO Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BFLawrNj">https://www.facebook.com/BFLawrNj</a><br/> Ben Franklin PTO Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/bfpto">@bfpto</a><br/> Ben Franklin PTO website: <a href="http://bfpto.org/">http://bfpto.org/</a></p> |

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

**Ben Franklin Elementary School  
Profit and Loss Detail  
April 15 - May 18, 2022**

|                           | Date       | Transaction Type | Num  | Name              | Memo/Description  | Split                       | Amount              | Balance  |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Ordinary Income/Expenses  |            |                  |      |                   |   |                             |                     |          |
| Income                    |            |                  |      |                   |   |                             |                     |          |
|                           | 04/20/2022 | Deposit          |      |                   | Book Fair BRANCH MIXED DEPOSIT AT LAWRENCE BRANCH MIXED DEPOSIT AT LAWRENCEVILLE      | Small business checking - 1 | 4,140.24            | 4,140.24 |
|                           | 04/20/2022 | Deposit          |      |                   | BRANCH TRANSACTION AT LAWRENCEVI BRANCH TRANSACTION AT LAWRENCEVILLE - CASH DEPOSIT.  | Small business checking - 1 | 273.00              | 273.00   |
|                           | 05/09/2022 | Deposit          |      |                   | BRANCH TRANSACTION AT LAWRENCEVI BRANCH TRANSACTION AT LAWRENCEVILLE - CHECK DEPOSIT. | Small business checking - 1 | 484.50              | 757.50   |
| <b>Total for Income</b>   |            |                  |      |                   |   |                             | <b>\$ 4,897.74</b>  |          |
| Expenses                  |            |                  |      |                   |   |                             |                     |          |
|                           | 04/19/2022 | Check            | 1831 | Michelle Basmagy  | CHECK 000000001831  | Small business checking - 1 | 390.00              | 390.00   |
|                           | 04/22/2022 | Check            | 1828 | Aztec             | Teacher club- Sheila Carnevale  | Small business checking - 1 | 81.94               | 471.94   |
|                           | 04/22/2022 | Check            | 1828 | Aztec             | Teacher Club - Mrs. G   | Small business checking - 1 | 30.00               | 501.94   |
|                           | 04/22/2022 | Check            | 1828 | Aztec             | Teacher Club - Terri Krisak   | Small business checking - 1 | 42.56               | 544.50   |
|                           | 04/25/2022 | Check            | 1853 | Kristen Paladino  | CHECK 000000001853  | Small business checking - 1 | 227.97              | 772.47   |
|                           | 04/26/2022 | Check            | 1845 | Bonne Giglio      | CHECK 000000001845  | Small business checking - 1 | 387.96              | 1,160.43 |
|                           | 04/26/2022 | Check            | 1846 | Terri Krisak      | CHECK 000000001846  | Small business checking - 1 | 42.56               | 1,202.99 |
|                           | 05/04/2022 | Check            | 1824 |                   | CHECK 000000001824  | Small business checking - 1 | 420.00              | 1,622.99 |
|                           | 05/04/2022 | Check            | 1847 |                   | CHECK 000000001847  | Small business checking - 1 | 81.94               | 1,704.93 |
|                           | 05/05/2022 | Check            | 1852 | Scholastic        | CHECK 000000001852  | Small business checking - 1 | 4,440.86            | 6,145.79 |
|                           | 05/16/2022 | Check            | 1833 | Colleen Schantzer | CHECK 000000001833  | Small business checking - 1 | 690.00              | 6,835.79 |
|                           | 04/22/2022 | Check            | 1828 | Aztec             | What's Out There  | Small business checking - 1 | 550.00              | 550.00   |
|                           | 04/22/2022 | Check            | 1828 | Aztec             | Athena Kuliecza   | Small business checking - 1 | 500.00              | 1,050.00 |
|                           | 05/03/2022 | Check            | 1840 | Terri Krisak      | Teacher Club Expenses   | Small business checking - 1 | 40.00               | 1,090.00 |
|                           | 05/09/2022 | Check            | 1842 | Aztec             | Spirit Wear   | Small business checking - 1 | 2,567.50            | 3,657.50 |
|                           | 05/03/2022 | Check            | 1839 | Megan Coopersmith | CHECK 000000001634  | Small business checking - 1 | 100.00              | 100.00   |
|                           | 05/03/2022 | Check            | 1854 | Rich Schumacher   | Teacher Appreciation Expenses Reimbursement   | Small business checking - 1 | 447.00              | 547.00   |
|                           | 05/16/2022 | Check            | 1854 | Rich Schumacher   | Teacher Appreciation Expenses Reimbursement   | Small business checking - 1 | 447.00              | 994.00   |
| <b>Total for Expenses</b> |            |                  |      |                   |   |                             | <b>\$ 11,487.29</b> |          |