Ben Franklin Elementary PTO

February 2023 Meeting Minutes

WHEN: Monday, February 13, 2023

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: 7:24pm

Topic and Spokesperson	Discussion Points		
Introductions Bonne Giglio	-Bonne Giglio-PTO President, Petra Crevier-VP1, Rachelle Picarello-VP2, Megan Coopersmith-Recording Secretary, -Nicole Bottrel-Corresponding Secretary, and Kristen Paladino-Treasurer		
PTO President's Update Bonne Giglio	Winter Clubs: Kids had fun and thank you families for sending in notes and walking to the door at pickup! Clothing Drive: The donated winter clothing and coats were dropped off to HomeFront. Thank you families! Birthday Cake Drive organized by Ms. Skorupa: birthday cake boxes were dropped off at HomeFront! Thank you to everyone who donated in Ms. Skorupa's cake drive -DEI night at each school. March 22 is booked for that. Kasun also asked if each PTO would host him and an additional Lawrence school board of ed member to discuss and explain the Strategic Plan and how it is going. More on that will be coming soon. -A lot of activities are happening at the school. Today was Jumprope for Heart and we		
Principal Update Mr. Billy	raised almost \$3,000 for the American Heart Association. The 2nd Grade concert is Wednesday at 2pm. We have no school on Friday, Monday and Tuesday. -March 22: The date is still tentative, but there will be equity champions presenting about social justice books. George Scott will be here to talk about social anxiety, mental health and helping students survive and thrive in the busyness of their lives -We are done with mid year assessments		

Treasurer's Report

Kristen Paladino

*See last page of Meeting Minutes for Kristen's full Treasurer's Report including budgets

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Dine to Donate

Petra spoke

- -Meatheadz \$224.85. most successful dine to donate so far!
- -still working on restaurant for March
- -jaZams in Palmer Square in Princeton will be in March for a Shop to Donate- 10% of sales and a 10% coupon to the families participating in the Shop to Donate. March 22-April 2

Event chairs

Committee

Reports

Science Night

Bonne spoke

Feb 23 at 6pm-8pm

- -Any 3rd grader that wants to do a science project at home and present it at science night can still sign up here!
- -anyone else in the school is invited to come and do stem projects in the all purpose room. Hopefully a bunch of teachers will be there to help. We will have a table on the new climate change curriculum our school will be teaching

Sign up here to volunteer

Book Exchange

Bonne spoke

March 2: Read Across America Day and Book Exchange

-During the school day, each class will come down and students get to pick 2-4 books that are "new to them" to take home and keep

Third Grade Committee

Kristen spoke

- -Committee met last week. fundraising was candy grams for valentines day(made \$300)
- so \$1200 for party so far. There will also be a pay-jama day in March
- -yearbook (ilana hernandez): collecting pictures and working with Picaboo
- -party- June 9th 6:30-8pm dj, face painting, ice cream, balloon arch, raffle baskets
- -a survey was sent out that parents should complete. It asks tshirt size, something to write in the yearbook to their child, and a save the date for the 3rd grade party

New Business Event chairs	Spring Spirit Wear -Rachelle spoke -finished figuring out what we will offer and what designs will be on the shirts -look out for a new full color tshirt -there will be a teddy bear with a BF shirt - Order forms will come out the last week of February/early March. There will be a print out of the order form in your child's backpack and online and in our newsletter -plan to receive your order after Spring Break
	Spring Teacher Clubs -Bonne spoke -start the second week of March, but teachers will decide what they would prefer. Some clubs may be March-April and others may be April-May
New Business (cont.) Event chairs	Parents Night Out -Petra spoke -March 11 -open to 50 kids -2 slots will be free if you volunteer -\$20 a child. \$18 for more than 1 child and pizza and refreshments included in cost -drop off is at Amerikick -flyer will be coming out soon!
	Fun Run -Bonne spoke -March 26 at 10am will have Teacher Experience raffles at this event -there will be a fee for the children to run because they get a swag bag at the event. older and younger siblings that are not BF students can participate too, but need to register and sign up -parents and guardians can come for free, run for free. They can come for free and can participate in purchasing raffle tickets for the teacher experience raffles without having to be part of the race.
	Carnival -Sunday, May 21 -Updated calendar is on our website, posted on our facebook page, and clickable HERE
Questions or Comments	None
All	

Announcements Bonne Giglio	-next PTO Meeting is March 13 at 7pm
Adjournment	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/

Ben Franklin PTO 2022-2023 Budget Categories

*updated 1/4/23

Income Categories	2021	-2022	Rec	ommended	Actu	al 2022-2023	Dif		Notes
Box Tops	\$	5-3	\$	*	\$	133.29	\$	133.29	
Cash Donations	\$	3,500.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,182.26	\$	(1,817.74)	1
Coin Wars Income	S	1,400.00	\$	1,200.00	S	1,226.75	\$	26.75	1
Color Run Income	S	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	S		\$	(2,000.00)	1
Dine to Donate Income	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,191.58	\$		*132 car
End of Year Camival Income	\$	-	S	3,000.00	S	-	S	(3,000.00)	1
Fundraising Activity Income	\$	300.00	\$	1,000.00	S	1,154.00	\$	154.00	1
Grade Level Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	S	3,000.00	\$	1,600,00			S	(1,600.00)	<pass< td=""></pass<>
Insurance Refund/Reimbursements			-	.,	S	1,590.20	\$	1,590.20	, ,
Fall Fest Income	- 8		\$	-0.0	S	1,454.50	\$	1,454.50	1
Field Trip Offset Income			1		S	1,101.00	S	1,101.00	1
ncome Category 20	-				S		\$		1
Other Income	\$	1,500.00	s	1,500.00	-	527.95	\$	(972.05)	1
Raffle/Gaming Income	\$	350.00	<u> </u>	250.00	<u> </u>	152.00	\$	(98.00)	1
Scholastic Book Fair Income	\$	6,500.00	-	6,500.00		4,065.06	\$	(2,434.94)	
Spirit Wear Income	\$		_		_				<pass< td=""></pass<>
Spirit wear income Teacher Clubs Income		4,300.00	\$	4,000.00	-	7,321.65	\$	3,321.65	1
	\$	12,000.00	\$	10,000.00	_	21,303.75	\$	11,303.75	1
Third Grade Party Fundraising	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00	-	649.94	\$		<pass< td=""></pass<>
Trenton Thunder Income					\$	- 5	\$	-	
Expense Categories	2021	-2022	Rec	ommended	Actu	al 2022-2023	Dif		Notes
Assemblies		***************************************	\$	1,000.00		590.00	-	410.00	
Cash Donations - Fees			-	1,000.00	S	35.23		(35.23)	1
Coin Wars Expenses	12		S	200.00	S	46.77	\$	153.23	1
Color Run Expenses	\$	904.00	\$	900.00			\$	900.00	1
Day of Service	\$	500.00	\$	500.00		20	S	500.00	1
End of Year Camival Expenses	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	_		\$	3,000.00	1
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Field Trips	\$	300.00	\$	7.500.00		455.00	S	7,045.00	1
Fundraising Activity Expenses	-	0.30	\$	500.00	-	398.53	\$	101.47	1
Grade Level Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Expenses	- 7		\$	1,600.00	-	000.00	\$	1,600.00	<naee< td=""></naee<>
Insurance Expenses	\$	499.00	S	850.00		2.082.83	\$	(1,232.83)	pass
Misc Family School Activities	\$	200.00	\$	600.00	_	193.11	ŝ	406.89	1
Misc In-School Activities Expenses	- P	200.00	4	000.00	S	118.03	_	(118.03)	1
Operating Expenses	-		s	450.00	-		-		1
Other Expenses	- 53		2	450.00	-	461.42	\$	(11.42)	
					\$	782.75	\$		*offset b
Postage & Postage					\$		\$	-	1
Raffle/Gaming Expenses			-		\$		\$		1
Scholastic Book Fair Expenses	\$	7,000.00	_	7,000.00	_	4,306.70	\$	2,693.30	4
Screen Free Week Expenses	\$	500.00	_	500.00	_		\$	500.00	1
Spirit Wear Expense	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,000.00	_	6,508.00	\$	(4,508.00)	
Γeacher Appreciation Activity	\$	4,550.00	\$	3,100.00	-	846.48	\$	2,253.52	>>>>
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$	5,000.00			\$	- 40	\$	-	
Teacher Club Expenses	\$	7,459.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,180.62	\$	319.38]
Teacher Request Fund	\$	1,512.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	475.00	\$	1,025.00	
Third Grade End of Year	\$	4,630.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	**	\$	5,000.00	
Freasurer Expenses	F -		1		\$		\$	-]
Trenton Thunder Expenses					\$	700.00	\$	(700.00)	1
Frunk or Treat	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	103.29	\$	146.71	1
Volunteer Appreciation			\$	250.00	-	-51	\$	250.00	1
Winter Event	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	_	663.26	_	86.74	1
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ncome Total	\$	37,950.00		38,050.00	•	43,952,93		5.902.93	
Expenses Total	\$	38,754.00		45,950.00		27,122.41		18,827.59	
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/\$191.90 transfer from Principal Account

	Teac	her Appreciation Mo	onthly
September	\$	106.63	Back to School Gift
October	\$	46.65	Mr. Billy
November	\$	81.86	Vet's Day Breakfast + Honey BEE
December			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
January	-		
February			
March			
April			
May			
June		2003.1000	
Total	\$	235.14	
Budget	\$	1,000.00	1
Remaining	\$	764.86]