

# 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

<b>Topic and Spokesperson</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>
<p><b>Introductions</b> Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>-Bonne Giglio-PTO President, Petra Crevier-VP1, Rachelle Picarello-VP2, Megan Coopersmith-Recording Secretary, -Nicole Bottrel-Corresponding Secretary, and Kristen Paladino-Treasurer</p>
<p><b>PTO President's Update</b> Bonne Giglio</p>	<p>Winter Clubs: Kids had fun and thank you families for sending in notes and walking to the door at pickup!</p> <p>Clothing Drive: The donated winter clothing and coats were dropped off to HomeFront. Thank you families!</p> <p>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</p> <p>-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.</p>
<p><b>Principal Update</b> Mr. Billy</p>	<p>-A lot of activities are happening at the school. Today was Jumprope for Heart and we 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.</p> <p>-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</p> <p>-We are done with mid year assessments</p>

<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Kristen Paladino</p>	<p>*See last page of Meeting Minutes for Kristen's full Treasurer's Report including budgets</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1/9 Meeting Summary</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collected \$367.09 from Dine to Donate; \$182.50 for Spirit Wear, \$167 for Winter Clubs and \$259.94 to put aside for 3rd Grade Party.</li> <li>2. Spent \$364.89 on Winter Wonderland Event (FREE for Families)</li> <li>3. Check cashed for Fall Teacher Club Helper (\$15)</li> </ol> <p>SHOUT OUT to Petra for already surpassing our goal for Dine to Donate Income (\$1059.58 vs. \$1000 goal!)</p> </div>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Event chairs</p>	<p><u>Dine to Donate</u>          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</p> <p><u>Science Night</u>          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 <a href="#">sign up here!</a>          -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  <a href="#">Sign up here to volunteer</a></p> <p><u>Book Exchange</u>          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</p> <p><u>Third Grade Committee</u>          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</p>



<b>Announcements</b>  Bonne Giglio	-next PTO Meeting is March 13 at 7pm
<b>Adjournment</b>	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="#">@bfpto</a> Ben Franklin PTO website: <a href="http://bfpto.org/">http://bfpto.org/</a>

# Ben Franklin PTO 2022-2023

\*updated 1/4/23

## Budget Categories

Income Categories	2021-2022	Recommended	Actual 2022-2023	Dif	Notes
Box Tops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133.29	\$ 133.29	
Cash Donations	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,182.26	\$ (1,817.74)	
Coin Wars Income	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,226.75	\$ 26.75	
Color Run Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	
Dine to Donate Income	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,191.58	\$ 191.58	*132 carr
End of Year Camival Income	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ (3,000.00)	
Fundraising Activity Income	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 154.00	
Grade Level Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ (1,600.00)	<--pass t
Insurance Refund/Reimbursements			\$ 1,590.20	\$ 1,590.20	
Fall Fest Income		\$ -	\$ 1,454.50	\$ 1,454.50	
Field Trip Offset Income			\$ -	\$ -	
Income Category 20			\$ -	\$ -	
Other Income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 527.95	\$ (972.05)	
Raffle/Gaming Income	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 152.00	\$ (98.00)	
Scholastic Book Fair Income	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,065.06	\$ (2,434.94)	<--pass t
Spirit Wear Income	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,321.65	\$ 3,321.65	
Teacher Clubs Income	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,303.75	\$ 11,303.75	
Third Grade Party Fundraising	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 649.94	\$ (350.06)	<--pass t
Trenton Thunder Income			\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Expense Categories</b>					
Assemblies		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 410.00	
Cash Donations - Fees			\$ 35.23	\$ (35.23)	
Coin Wars Expenses		\$ 200.00	\$ 46.77	\$ 153.23	
Color Run Expenses	\$ 904.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	
Day of Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
End of Year Camival Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Fall Fest Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,175.39	\$ (175.39)	
Field Trips	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 7,045.00	
Fundraising Activity Expenses		\$ 500.00	\$ 398.53	\$ 101.47	
Grade Level Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Expenses		\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	<--pass t
Insurance Expenses	\$ 499.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,082.83	\$ (1,232.83)	
Misc Family School Activities	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 193.11	\$ 406.89	
Misc In-School Activities Expenses			\$ 118.03	\$ (118.03)	
Operating Expenses		\$ 450.00	\$ 461.42	\$ (11.42)	
Other Expenses			\$ 782.75	\$ (782.75)	*offset by
Postage & Postage			\$ -	\$ -	
Raffle/Gaming Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	
Scholastic Book Fair Expenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,306.70	\$ 2,693.30	
Screen Free Week Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Spirit Wear Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,508.00	\$ (4,508.00)	
Teacher Appreciation Activity	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 846.48	\$ 2,253.52	>>>>
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ -	
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	
Treasurer Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	
Trenton Thunder Expenses			\$ 700.00	\$ (700.00)	
Trunk or Treat	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 103.29	\$ 146.71	
Volunteer Appreciation		\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
Winter Event	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 663.26	\$ 86.74	
<b>Income Total</b>	\$ 37,950.00	\$ 38,050.00	\$ 43,952.93	\$ 5,902.93	
<b>Expenses Total</b>	\$ 38,754.00	\$ 45,950.00	\$ 27,122.41	\$ 18,827.59	
<b>NET</b>	\$ (804.00)	\$ (7,900.00)	\$ 16,830.52	\$ (12,924.66)	

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Teacher Appreciation Monthly		
September	\$ 106.63	Back to School Gift
October	\$ 46.65	Mr. Billy
November	\$ 81.86	Vel's Day Breakfast + Honey BEE
December	-	
January	-	
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 235.14</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 764.86</b>	