

PTSO Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

7:00 PM

FRANKLIN H.S.
LIBRARY

MEETING CALLED BY	Linda Darby @7:03 PM
FRANKLIN H.S. ADMINISTRATORS / TEACHERS IN ATTENDANCE	Dr. Thomas DiGanci (FHS Interim Principal) Mr. Mr. Ken Margolin (FHS Vice Principal) Mr. Frank Chmiel (FHS Vice Principal) Karen Trautmann (PTSO Teacher Liaison)
EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	Linda Darby (Co-President) John Felix (Co-President) Kai Leung (Membership Coordinator) Connie Williams (Treasurer) Vanessa Flewollen (Secretary)

Agenda topics

7:03 – 7:15

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

VANESSA FLEWELLEN

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Correction: \$33.80 for Chinese Club- Reviewed minutes from the October Meeting- Motion to accept minutes with correction: Connie Williams- Seconded by: Karen Trautmann	

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

KAI LEUNG

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 61 members (51 parents / 10 faculty); prior to meeting- 8 new members; start of meeting- 69 total members- \$10.00 donation received- Phone blast was suggested to encourage PTSO membership and announce chrome book raffle (300 members needed); suggestion was made to announce at teacher's meeting	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONNIE WILLIAMS

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Net Income = \$60.00 (membership fees and donations)- Net Expenses = \$199.00 (renewal of PTO Today and software)- PTSO Donations = \$139.70 (Safe Halloween & Chess Club)- Teacher Support Deposits = \$1,432.50- Teacher Support Withdrawals = \$1032.50- Current PTSO Balance = \$1,133.84- Current Teacher Support Balance = \$1,045.51- Total Balance = \$2,179.35	

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL REPORT

JOHN FELIX

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- December 5th: Franklin's Finest; Dr. Ravally has requested 9 PTSO's to participate in planning and publicizing the event; fundraising tables from various schools and entertainment will be provided	

- Committee will be formed from the referendum "On the Move"; Mr. Grippo is the chairperson; 1st meeting will be held Jan / Feb; letters will be distributed to PTSO Presidents this month
- Science Fair: looking for participation

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

DR. DIGANCI

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 15: PSAT to 9th, 10th and 11th graders; ASVAB to 12th graders; 2127 students were tested; 94% attendance; normal attendance is 96% daily - October 21-23: Parent Teacher Conferences were successful - March 2016 Conferences will decrease from 3 to 2 sessions - Safe Halloween: 300 people attended; organized by student council; Dr. DiGanci wrote a letter regarding the impact of the event for a possible award - Madrigal Singers have been invited to sing at the White House in December - ESL (English as a second language) is working with Rutgers to prepare a video sharing experiences of students within the past 3 years; the team has been invited to a conference in New Orleans and will present the video to the Board of Education - Homecoming: 618 students in attendance for the dance; football game is scheduled for November 12th at 6pm in North Brunswick - The annual football game against Piscataway High School on Thanksgiving Day is scheduled for 10:30 am - The Drama Club will present the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on November 20th and 21st at 7:30 pm and on the 22nd at 2:30 pm - The presentation in the spring will be Mary Poppins 	

7:26 – 7:28

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers are focusing on Ed Connect: all common assessments will be housed in program owned by Pearson; to date, all pre-test assessments have been input onto system - Mary Ginsburg's position has been posted; testing has been completed for all applicants and interviewing cannot begin - Dr. DiGanci will reach out to Mary Ginsburg regarding the gift from the class of 2015 to finalize by year end; gift is expected to be a sign (directives) for the hallways 	

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OPEN DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The district is unable to cover the cost of \$6.00 flyers from the Canal Fest due to legal reasons; each PTSO will reimburse the cost for the flyers - Election Results for BOE: 2 incumbents returned – Richard Seamon and Margaret Steele and 1 new, Laurie Merris (parent at MacAfee Road School); they will be sworn in sometime in January; next year, another election will be held - Student Testing: discussed article written by John Felix for the newsletter - Suggestion was given to use students to advertise PTSO; inserting membership form in the student handbook; creating a "fast pass" for lunch if parent is a PTSO member 	

OBSERVERS	See attendance list
SPECIAL NOTES	Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm (Motion by Karen Trautmann / Seconded by Vanessa Flewellen)