

Franconia Elementary School  
PTA Meeting Minutes  
11Aug09

**Attendees:**

Nicole Pared, Heather Viehl-Yee, Beth Krause, Matt Salyards, Rebekah Everest, Mary Zourob, Michel Ghandour, Linda Whitehead, Gladys F. Pemberton, Shirley Woolsey, Kathryn Kennedy-Labat, Maressa Taylor, Pat Aphasuthepongsakul, Laura Lawrence, Tammy Finnell, Amintu Nunez, Maria Aviles, Jackie Hernandez, Carin Blair, Jennifer Richards, Cary Yarbrough, Angel Carrington, Warren Carrington, Cinnamon Bowser, Mary Jane Alves, Bunny Graham, Carilyn Waterval

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by Beth Krause.

The minutes from the 02Jun09 PTA meeting were presented and motion for approval was made by Carilyn Waterval. The minutes were approved.

**Teachers' Report**

- Discussion regarding “Back-to-School Night” and request for volunteers.

**Principal's Report (Merrell Dade)**

- Overview regarding breakfast/lunch made by Miss Pat, cafeteria supervisor.
- There may be a need for a fifth kindergarten class
- Renovation Report
  - On target with the renovation schedule
  - Trailers, which will comprise four classrooms to be used by the upper classes, were delivered several months early
  - We will be losing part of the playground to accommodate the trailers
  - The bidding for the renovation will start in December
  - Actual renovation is slated to start in January
- Principal Dade reiterated the invitation regarding the Back-to-School Night (Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m.)
- Franconia Elementary was mentioned in a letter in *Harvard Educational Review* regarding the modified calendar.
- We may revert back to a standard calendar at the end of this school year because we will no longer have the funding for the modified calendar.
- We were able to maintain the modified calendar this year because we are part of an “intervention” pilot and received additional funds as a result of that.
- There also was an article in the *Washington Post* about Franconia’s modified calendar.
- Presentation by Asst. Principal Nancy Mercer
  - PPT containing test results (SOL) for the previous school year.

### **Treasurer's Report (Mary Jane Alves)**

- Review of the budget for the 2009/2010 school year.
- Motion to amend the cost of the welcome breakfast from \$70.00 to \$210.00 made by Beth Krause. Motion was approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Motion to appoint Rebekah Everest as secretary was made by Shirley Woolsey. Seconded by Laura Lawrence. Motion was approved.
- Request for volunteers to chair upcoming events.
  - Cinnamon Bowser agreed to handle copying the Newsletter
  - Laura Lawrence agreed to serve two Parent Advisory Groups
  - No one yet volunteered to head up the Basket Bingo event

### **New Business**

- Back-to-School picnic is scheduled for September 1, 2009, from 5:30 – 7:30. Call for volunteers to help with the picnic.
- New fundraising company, Lavender, will handle our fall fundraiser. It will be similar to previous fundraisers – giftwraps, candy, etc.
- Membership costs are as follows:
  - \$15.00 for a family membership
  - \$8.00 for an individual
- Discussion regarding swine flu. Principal Dade discussed measures being taken by the school and the county to deal with swine flu.
- Registration forms for FLEX classes have gone home with students and are due back by August 25, 2009.

This meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Submitted by: Rebekah Everest