

Franklin Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2008-9:30 a.m. Library

I. Call to order

Maggie Avedisian called to order the regular meeting of the **Franklin PTA** at **9:37 a.m.** on **Oct. 14th** in **Franklin's Library**.

II. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Copies of the minutes from the last PTA meeting- 9/18/08 were distributed to attendees. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Principal's comments

- School year is off to a good start
- Interims go home today. Rock and Read is currently going on
- Pyramid Choral concert is tonight at CHS-Franklin chorus performing
- Next Tuesday is early dismissal for students. FMS will send out K.I.T. to remind parents. The afternoon will be used for Teacher development. Teachers are using a new software program to help with professional learning assessments.
- Magazine drive is going well-magazine money earned used to pay for technology directly for the students' benefit.
- Blackboard up and running- offers students and parents lots of good information. A question was asked about if the homework section on Blackboard could be easier to access. Mrs. Eisenberg stated she will check on the possibility.

V. New business

- a) **Odyssey**- Mr. Folter reported the Odyssey table set up at Back to School night had a lot of parent interest-30 families signed up interested in participating. Need to find coaches before program can continue. At this point we do not have a coach. It was suggested by a parent that having the odyssey meetings at school instead of someone's house might make it easier to find a coach. Mrs. Eisenberg stated that could be arranged if needed. Potential storage of large equipment might be an issue.
- b) **Reflections**- Theme for this year is "Wow". More information on program at a later date.

- c) **Fall social-** SCA helps organize this event. SCA elections were last week and committee meetings to help organize this event will happen soon. Details to be determined.
- d) **Fairfax County School Office Consolidation-** proposed idea to consolidate offices to help save money in the long term. Information available concerning the issue on FCPS website.
- e) **FCPS grading policy-** discussion concerning Fairgrade.org and the issue of current grading policy putting students at a disadvantage. If parents are interested they are encouraged to find info at Fairgrade.org and write letters to the superintendent of FCPS and sign the petition on-line. All letters should be polite and fact based.
- f) **Treasurer Report-** Friends of Franklin going very well-\$10,470.00 so far collected. Apparel sales going well this year. Directories will break even. 318 PTA memberships in so far. 382 memberships last school year. Some membership envelopes still coming in.
- g) **Spirit Wear-** P.E. department would like extra sweats to sell to raise money for P.E. department. P.T.A. agreed to give extra inventory of sweatpants to P.E. dept. and get cost amount on sweatshirt hoodies. Advance ordering of Flannels also discussed.
- h) **Book Fair-** FMS book fair-Dec. 8-12. Committee Chair needed in order for it to happen. Need volunteers to help. Volunteer coordinator will send out email to help get volunteers.
- i) **Suggestion-** concerning PTA meeting reminders. Parent asked if emails could be sent out reminding parents about upcoming meetings. Suggested that maybe Betsey Rock (volunteer coordinator) could send out reminder with her list of members.

VI. Adjournment

Maggie Avedisian adjourned the meeting at **10:55**.

Next Meeting- November 11, 2008 at 9:30 in FMS Library

Minutes submitted by: Mina Vasquez

Minutes approved