

**Benjamin Franklin Middle School Home and School Association**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2021**

**Attendees:** Carol Waldman, Mayumi Brescia, Meghan Agatep, Jen Tesseyman, Laura McGrath, Valerie Auyeung, Anne McAskin, Lisette Ramos, Laura Waisnor, Colleen Tansey, Kelly A., Vaibhavi Mistry Udeshi

**Welcome:**

- The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 9:32AM. The BFHSA Co-President Carol Waldman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The April 2021 minutes were approved. 1st Approval - Meghan Agatep; 2nd Approval - Jen Tesseyman.

**Agenda Items:**

- Student Council Report - Jack Sherman and Dan Loughlin
  - Currently in the primary stages of Student Council Elections. A Final Election will be held for the top 3 candidates for each position.
  - Spirit Day will be both in person and virtual
  - BF Cares - placing flags outside for Memorial Day
- Principal's Report - Mr. Orsini
  - Thank you to this year's Student Council
  - Thank you to all who participated in STEAM Day and the parent video presentations.
  - Working on 8th Grade Promotion - Friday, June 18th
    - Will be Outside - 9AM
    - Each student will have at least 2 but possibly up to 4 guests. This will be finalized as we get closer to the date and based on guidance from our Department of Health
    - Graydon Day Celebration will be held in lieu of the 8th Grade Cruise on June 14th
  - Advisory Groups will be meeting and the Theme is Equity
  - Planning to have Field Day on June 16th & 17th for the 6th and 7th Graders. The Wellness teachers will reach out directly if any parent help is needed.
- President's Report:
  - Federated Report - Mayumi Brescia:
    - Transitioned to the new Federated Slate:
      - President - Mary Micale
      - 1st Vice President - Amy Gill
      - 2nd Vice President - Todd Rothman
      - Treasurer/Secretary - Valerie Auyeung
      - Member At Large - Amy Biersdorf
- STEAM Day Update - Jamey Clothier:
  - Held May 17th
  - 12 Videos in Total (6 original videos and 6 online age appropriate videos)
  - Would love to have additional volunteers for next year
- Treasurer's Report - Valerie Auyeung & Laura McGrath
  - \$200 profit from Movie Night
  - Currently have 100 students signed up for 8th Grade Graydon Day
  - Currently have 148 students signed up for the 8th Grade Luau
- New Business - Laura McGrath, Carol Waldman
  - Pandemic Response Team:
    - Last met on May 4th and will meet 1-2 more times this year.
    - Discussing what has worked well and what will continue going forward.
    - Discussing the reintroduction of lockers, PE lockers, lunch, entrance/exit procedures
    - Shields - there is no change in the directive and shields remain in place.

- Safety Traffic Issues- a letter is being sent home discussing safety protocols
- Teacher Appreciation Grab n Go Lunch - was a huge success. Best of Everything provided pre-ordered lunch bags. Parents donated drinks, fruits and snacks. Thank you to Kate Yates and Larisa Shlahet for organizing and all of the parents who donated items.
- 8th Grade RHS Parent Meeting - held Monday, May 10th 7:30pm and hosted by Laura McGrath and Valerie Auyeung.
  - Mr. May and Ms. Watson, RHS Guidance Counselors, were in attendance.
  - Discussed helpful information and tips regarding a typical RHS experience including such topics as: Orientation, Lunch, Class Schedules/Times, School Supplies, Extra Help, Clubs/Activities, Sleep-ins and Open Campus
- Movie Night- Friday May 7th 8-10pm. Movie was "The Croods: A New Age". Good weather, everyone was well spaced out and the event was successful! Thank you to Mr. Wu and the BF Administration for help and support.
- 8th Grade Luau - Friday, June 4th 7:30pm - 9:30pm - outdoor event at BF. There will be a DJ, photo booth, dancing, games and frozen treats. Hawaiian attire is encouraged. Tickets will be \$25 and will be on sale on Community Pass.
  - 70% participation so far. Last minute signups will be accepted.
- 8th Grade Graydon - June 14th and tickets will go on sale on May 24th.
- 8th Grade Graduation - Friday, June 18th. Plans are fluid and will be held outdoors, possibly by the basketball courts. Stay tuned for details.
- Other:
  - 5th Grade Parent Orientation has been postponed. An online presentation was sent out to parents.
  - Summer School Tours will be provided for incoming 6th Graders as well as incoming 7th Graders who remained remote during the school year. Stay tuned for details.
- Parent Questions to Administration - No additional questions.

**Meeting was concluded at 10:08 AM**  
**Minutes respectfully submitted by Anne McAskin, Board Secretary**