

**Benjamin Franklin Middle School Home and School Association**  
**Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2022**

Attendees:

- Carol Waldman, Mayumi Brescia, Meghan Agatep, Jen Tesseyman, Laura McGrath, Valerie Auyeung, Anne McAskin, Lily Farhang, Ada Yung. plus 2 more which we did not get their names.

Welcome:

- The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. The BFHSA Co-President Carol Waldman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The January 2022 minutes were approved. 1st Approval - Meghan Agatep; 2nd Approval - Laura McGrath.

Agenda Items:

- Student Council Report - Jonathan Tom (President)?:
  - Raised \$1,500 from the Pink Out and donated the money to The Valley Breast Center Foundation.
  - Really excited for next week's Spirit Week. The Communications and Announcements Committee is working really hard on getting the word out and encouraging participation. Would love the parents to get involved as well so information will be shared on GroupSpot, Facebook and HSA E-News.
  - Spirit Week Themes are:
    - Military Monday
    - Team Up Tuesday
    - We Are Aware Wednesday
    - Tropical Thursday
    - Color Wars Friday
- Principal's Report - Mr. Orsini & Ms. Stovell:
  - Thank you to Dr. Solomon for filling in while Mr. Orsini was out as well as Ms. Stovell and Mr. Wu for stepping up and making sure things ran smoothly. Dr. Solomon thanked Ms. Stovell and Mr. Wu as well and complemented BF. Mr. Orsini will be coming back next week.
  - Ms. Stovell led a 21 Day Equity Challenge with Parents & Staff:
    - 14 Participants (parents and staff)
    - Idea is to build a habit by doing the same activity or exercise each day for 21 days. The habit was built around race, power and privilege.
    - Met 3 times and discussed/debriefed on each participant's individualized experience and activity. Sharing experiences was community building.
  - Beginning March 7th - Masks are Optional. As a school, discussed masks as being a choice, being positive and understanding and aware of our reactions.
  - No change in the lunch format as it is working well. 7th & 8th Grade- Franklin and Ridge switch weekly between the Cafeteria and the Auditorium. 6th Grade - Franklin and Ridge switch between lunch and homeroom. Lunch is going smoothly. Eat outside when the weather is good.

- Spirit Week in 2 weeks. Fun activities planned by the Student Council with a different theme each day.

- President's Report:

- Federated Report - Mayumi Brescia:

- The Wizards Game has sold out for the two days.

- March 30th - Ms. Stovell, Mr. Belisle, and Mr. Porod will be playing

- March 31st - Ms. Morris will be playing

- Nominating Committee led by Lily Farhang- Proposed 2022-2023 HSA Board:

- President - Anna Salerno & Claudia Fortunato

- Vice President - Laura Waisnor & Maria Penava

- Treasurer - Valerie Auyeung & Laura McGrath

- Secretary - TBD - looking for a Travell Parent to fill this position

- \*Vote on the proposed slate at our next meeting in May

- Treasurer's Report - Valerie Auyeung & Laura McGrath

- November Chipotle No Cook Fundraiser - raised approximately \$180

- Help to pay/fund travel related expenses for our Author Visit - Jerry Craft

- 1099 has been filed and we have paid the Accountant

- Nakasone Foundation - thank you for the generous donation to help with 8th Grade Events