

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Attendees: Anna Salerno, Claudia Fortunato, Nancy Joachim-Ventura, Kimberly Ramirez, Amanda Pi, Colleen Tansey, Ada Yang, Lauren Carr, Rachel Yang, Elif Bas, Kelly Nakasone, Sarah Traband, Swati Rao Engel, Devletsah Ozcan, Kristin Massey, Jean Dingalti, Ali Alexander, Winnie Paul

Zoom Attendees: Kathy Angelov, Kanako Hayashi, Helen, Milla, Heather Palmer, Ahota P, Ktanya S, Helen Cho, Cinthya Herrera, Sobel Han Landlord, Stacy Malmborg, Lena, Esther Puplampu, Angela Lee, Ahota P, Kelly Ashber, Maugarete C

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am. The BFHSA Co-President Anna Salerno welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The June 2023 minutes were approved. 1st Approval - Devletsah Ozcan, 2nd Approval - Sarah Traband

Agenda Items:

- **Principal's Report - By Lauran Carr Assistant Principal (Franklin)**
 - All district Principals met last Thursday with the Superintendent to discuss keeping facilities clean. A weekly checklist was shared to keep the grounds clean for loose garbage. There are also daily building sweeps. New signage will be posted to know the rules and what to do. Christine Corliss is the new district Public Information Officer.
 - District goals were discussed. These included administrators working on DEI goals as well as school goals.
 - A welcome to Andrea Korn who will be present on the campus five days a week. Korn will address mental health with the student body.
 - Discussions with Brittany Rendon, the Development Director of the American Heart Association to bring New York Giants players to work with a group of students. The date in discussion is October 11th. The group or grade of students has not been determined. Will update if we move forward.

Q: Where are the Lost and Found bins?

A: Clothing likely in the cafeteria bin. Main office bin will have electronics.
Gym shirts can be found in the gym bin.

- **Federated Report**

- The Federated HSA has not met yet

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Will have a budget in October that will be voted on during the October 4th 7pm meeting.

- **Student Council Report**

Old Business:

- If you did not pick up your music shirts from last year, please reach out to Anna Salerno.

New Business:

- Thank you to outgoing Board Secretary Jahae Kim who will be moving from Ridgewood. Kathy Angelov was nominated as incoming Board Secretary. 1st Approval - Kelly Nakasone. 2nd Approval - Nancy Joaquin- Ventura
- Pink Out sales end November 20th. Shirts will be out in time for the high school game and the week itself. Proceeds from the Pink Out shirts will go to the student council that will choose a Breast Cancer Charity to donate to.
- Back to School Night is Thursday evening, September 14.
6:00pm - Ice Cream Social for New Families in the cafeteria
6:30pm doors open
6:45 pm Auditorium Presentation
7:00 pm go to Homeroom. Your child will write out their schedule and you will receive it from your child's homeroom teacher.
- An assembly will be held for all three grades with Dr. Debbie Steinbaum, a pediatrician. She is a great advocate for mental health and nutrition. Dr. Debbie will talk to students about sleeping and eating well and instilling good habits.
- Frosty Fridays: Thank you to Christina Moribelli and crew. Profit was \$78 dollars. Frosty Fridays will continue for \$1 per item. Please bring singles.
- Parent Book Club (Meets the 3rd Friday of the Month)

Chair: Kristin Massey

- The Book Club is one of the longest traditions at BF and is a great opportunity to get together. The book is chosen by the committee.

- Spirit Night: October 27th (moved from 10/20)
 - Spirit Night is looking for a few chairs. Needed are a Volunteer Coordinator, a Decorations Coordinator and Cleanup Coordinator to clean up and put away decorations. At the meeting a few volunteers raised their hand and will reach out to Claudia Fortunato.
 - Current pricing is \$25 dollars a ticket. It could increase if we do not have enough volunteers and we have to outsource the duties.
 - An Amazon Wishlist will be created to purchase new costumes.
 - Meetings will be posted on Group Spot. If you are interested in joining , contact Claudia Fortunato

- Music T-shirt Sales:
 - T-shirts are required for 8th grade band members who plan to go to Six Flags or a Festival during this school year. The store will close the week of 9/18. Proceeds will go to the Music Department.

- YMCA Partnership
 - We are teaming up with the YMCA who will give the school an assembly each month. The October YMCA assembly will be anti-bullying during Tolerance Week. Suggestions for other topics are welcomed. Some ideas include vaping, AI, Technology, Social Media and more.

- Book Fair: October 2nd-6th
Co-Chairs: Anna Salerno and Kristin Massey
We are using a different vendor this year. The company is called Main Street Books. A Signup Genius will come out asking for parent volunteers.

- Broadway Bound (Oct 11th)
Show: Back to the Future. This trip was signed up for last Spring. Those attending will be contacted.

- Girls On The Run: There is great enthusiasm this year. BFMS will combine with GWMS this year.

Fundraisers:

- Various fundraisers include BF Players, the Scholastic Center and Music Department Fundraiser.

- Membership Dues:
So far 233 out of 600 families paid their membership dues. There is a goal to reach at least 400 families. All the money goes towards the students.

- Kindness Keys
Guidance Counselors have a program that recognizes kids that go above and beyond. These students receive "Kindness Keys." This year HSA has sponsored magnets shaped like keys to distribute to those recognized.

- DEI Committee: Seeking volunteers to join the DEI committee. First meeting will be posted. The group meets monthly to discuss different ways to infuse DEI in the student's lives. Spearheaded a food truck festival last year.

- **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The meeting concluded at 10:46am. Next meeting October 4th, 7pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Angelov, Board Secretary