**PTA Meeting March 10, 2018**

**7:00 pm Call to Order | Welcome Maureen Hartwig and Aimee Kish**

**7:05 pm Approval of Last Meeting Minutes Regina Roderick**

**7:05pm PTA Board Updates PTA Board Members**

* Tomorrow red ribbons at Franklin for Cernas Family.
* Thank you social at Izzy Arcade for PTA volunteers, May 17, 2018. 7 pm. Bring spouses too.
* Nominating Committee:
* Regina and Megan for the PTA Board
* Mike Cremins and Vicki Berge for non-PTA Board members. Nominations at next meeting May 10th
* Review of roles of the PTA

**7:20 pm Treasurer’s Update Donna Kotty**

* Sweetheart dance profit of $1200
* Night of Stars $1400 in revenue most expenses outstanding, but projected total of $500 in expenses
* Teacher’s grants L $450 left for the year, have received 4 grants
* Classroom parties $2100, under budget for the year

**7:40 pm Assistant Principal’s Report Emily Lech**

We have completed our CogAT testing for 2nd grade. The CogAT test is one of the several data points the district uses to qualify students for the Channels of Challenge Program for 3rd grade.

We are in the midst of PARCC testing this week and will complete testing on Monday, March 19th.

Tuesday, March 20th is a Teacher Institute Day so students do NOT come to school that day.

Spring break starts Mon March 26 - Mon April 2.  Students return to school on Tues. April 3rd.

On Friday, March 23rd we have the Star Lab coming to Franklin for the first graders to culminate their Science unit.  The PTA has also arranged for the Jessie White Tumblers coming to perform for an all school assembly at 2:45 p.m. This will be a great way to reward the students for their hard work during PARCC testing and a great send off to spring break!

April 13th - written letter to Dr. Claire Kowalczyk if you have a placement request for teaching style preference or student concerns.  Please do not ask for teachers by name. Those requests can not be honored.

**Upcoming Author Visits**:

Author Blue Balliett for 4/5th grades  "Out of the Wild Night, Pieces and Players, Hold Fast, The Danger Box, The Calder Game, The Wright 3, Chasing Vermeer, and Nantucket Ghosts".

On  April 11th 2:00 p.m.

Author Terry Lynn Johnson, "Survivor Diaries" Grades 2/3  on April 12th 9:00 a.m.

Young Authors: Over 450 students participated in the district's Young Authors' competition. We had students from KDG - 4th grade submit entries this year. Congratulations to the following students/manuscripts for being chosen as the winning authors from each grade level having their manuscript entered in the district competition to represent Franklin school:

Kdg -**Kate M** Wrote and illustrated, Kate’s Big Adventure

1st grade - **Kylie L** wrote and illustrated, The Color of Spring

2nd grade - **Claire K** wrote and illustrated, The Halloween Scare

3rd grade - **Whitney S** wrote, The Flash Back of Time

4th grade - **Marina K** wrote, Island

We are SO PROUD to announce that **TWO** Franklin school students' manuscripts were chosen as District 64 Young Authors' winners and invited to attend the **44th Annual Statewide Young Authors' Conference! Kindergartener Kate M and first grader Kylie L**will both be honored at the May 21st Board of Education meeting.

PARCC -question from community. Why did we continue with administering this test? Benchmark for the school board to assess performance, also using it as an in-district assessment tool. In a holding pattern to see what the state chooses for next testing tool.

When do we get the results? Typically in the summer

April 13th for written letter of request to Dr. Kowalczyk for placement for next year

**8:00pm Committee Appreciation – THANK YOUs!**

1. ELF Casino night 1/27| Kim Urso
   1. Jan 27th: 200 attendees, raised $20,000. Received $176,000 and 19 total requests in grant requests, have about $40,000 to give out. Possible spring fundraiser. Need more help on the ELF next year. Please contact Kim Urso if you are interested.
2. Sweetheart Dance 2/2 | Pete Vercillan
   1. 225 attendees. Good turnout.
3. Science Olympiad 2/3| Vicki Berge
   1. Largest ever. 383 participants total. 163 total egg drop participants. 3 teams successfully dropped from the 15 foot height. 3rd place team was from Franklin
4. Cultural Night 2/8|Alla Bagryanskaya and Lorena Lagis
   1. 65 families registered and many more families came. Spent $1165 on the event. Approx 15 tables representing various cultures. Would like more help on the committee and with volunteers for the event next year. Hoping for more tables and room for dancers next year, may not include bounce house next year to allow for this.

E. Night of the Stars 3/9|Nicole Nieves and Lena Milissis

20 fewer acts this year, but excellent attendance overall. Possible return to paper flyers for better communication. ITunes playlist vs burning a CD making the music easier for participants and those running the show. Maxed out attendance with approx. 320 people in the audience

1. Volleyball League| Alexandria Hayden Cathie Hirsh and Nicole Nieves
   1. 30 kids, 1 4th grade team, 2 5th grade teams. Mostly girl participants but hoping for more boy participants for next year. 6-week season. $720 registration fees, made $260 profit after expenses for t-shirts, ref gifts, pizza party. Already looking forward to next year, looking to make improvements in the season. Hoping to do practice and team schedule further ahead of time. Excellent sportsmanship among all participants

8:10 pm Committee Updates – Upcoming Events

1. Kids Social 4/13 | Kathryn Adler and Palanya Kvorka
   1. K-2nd, approx. 1 hour. 6:30 -7:30 pm
2. Healthy Living Month| Karla Kintzel and Jen Lavacarre
   1. District wide initiative. Each week a different focus. Mainly in school and one afternoon activity. Possibly a day where families are encouraged to walk to school.
3. Franklin School Skating Party 4/27| Michelle Cimilluca
   1. At a facility in Mt Prospect. Skating rink and open gym. About 2 hours and free to all Franklin Families
4. Muffin Breakfast 5/9|Mary Maestranzi Cathie Hirsh and Nicole Nieves
   1. Before school until 8:40 am

8:30 pm Motion to Adjourn Maureen Hartwig and Aimee Kish FYI Upcoming Events!

Nicole Nieves, Courtney Bowles

* Heathy Living Month (April)
* Kids Social 4/13
* Franklin School Skating Party 4/27
* Muffin Breakfast 5/9

In attendance: Aimee Kish, Mike Cremins, Cathie Hirsh, Emily Lech, Courtney Bowles, Megan Fleischel, Erin Gilfert, Donna Kotty, All Bagryanskaya, Patricia Aliferis, Laura Gainor, Amy Indriolo, Alexandra Hayden, Regina Roderick