



Ben Franklin Academy PTO MINUTES

Date: 1/19/17 Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Ben Franklin Academy, 2270 Plaza Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO

President: Pamela Betts

- Updates
 - Town Hall Meeting/ New Building – Opened this week
 - PTO will help support needs of the new STEAM wing and playground

Vice President: Christi Richardson

- Volunteer Quota Award Winner – Heather Holmes
- This award is drawn 1 time per month for those who have volunteered in carpool,
- For those families who met their volunteer hours by January 25th, they will have an opportunity to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences early

Secretary: Mindy Pooler & Lisa Travis Fisher

- Vote List – Costumes and Props for the upcoming play, Aladdin for \$800
- Conflict of Interest Policy and BFA PTO Communication – discussed and distributed

Treasurer: Lisa Watanabe

- Financial Update – Balance as of 12/31/16 was \$183,302.00

Fundraising Coordinator: Serena Grissom & Rachael Hamburger

- Fun Run Update - Collected \$62,507; 91% of our goal!!! Number 1 in Colorado and 6th highest in the nation. Thank you to all those who assisted with the planning of the Fun Run.
- Fun Run Proceeds - 5% will be distributed to all teachers and 10% to all 1st grade classrooms (the grade that raised the most amount of money)
- BENefit Bash Meeting – Monday, January 30th 7pm at Target Starbucks (Lucent/HR Parkway)

Social Coordinator: Brooke Svanda

Ben Franklin's Birthday

- Cookies were distributed to all students on January 17th for the annual celebration of Ben Franklin's birthday.

Winterfest

- Saturday, 1/21/17 – 2 inflatables, guided tours of new expansion, lots of games; similar to Harvest Fest
- Middle School – selling food//drinks; popcorn/baked goods/refreshments
- Need many more people to run the games/inflatable attendees
- Need 65 more cakes for the cake walk!

Father/Daughter Event

- Originally scheduled for Feb 25, 2017 but needed to be moved to March 4th due to a school conflict
- Runway show with dad and Dance Floor in large gym
- Food/Refreshments
- Next Meeting February 2nd – Starbucks inside King Soopers (HR Parkway/ University). Still need volunteers for each station. Tickets will go on sale 1st week in February.

Mom's Night Out

- Tentatively scheduled for March 30th

Mother/Son Event

- Will begin to plan for this event when the Winterfest is complete.

Room Parent Coordinator: Angela Gibson

Holiday Party Recap – Holiday parties went well, especially the OAK (One Act of Kindness) for each classroom. If you have any ideas, please feel free to reach out to Jen Torres at the CEC.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation

- In the past, money was collected from parents and gifts were purchased for each teacher and a luncheon was also put together.
- Massages – possibly 2 grades per day? Mandy Doolittle offered to do massages; reach out to other parents who might be massage therapists
- Coffee Cart?
- Please reach out to Mollie Anderson with further ideas
- Survey Monkey for Teacher's
- One Act of Kindness – invite families would deliver

Next PTO Meeting
February 16, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Science Lab