

ben franklin academy

PTO

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Ben Franklin Academy PTO MEETING

Date: 4/19/23 Time: 6:30-8:00 p

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

President: Janelle Nichols

1. Principal Simpson
 - a. Will decide in August if MLO/Bond will be put on the ballot
 - b. Property taxes going up doesn't allow our district to get any extra money overall.
 - c. MLO is what will allow our district to have more money for our schools. This will close more of the gap between our district and other neighboring districts
 - d. We are at the bottom of districts of funding per student vs average teacher salary
 - e. Our district administration costs are relatively low compared to other districts
 - f. MLO would cost taxpayers between 82 cents and 96 cents per 100k in home value per week
2. Calendar Review
 - a. Skate City Spirit Night, May 3, 4-6pm
3. Field Day Shirts
 - a. 950 shirts will be \$8000, cutting down colors in order to save costs, looking for other vendors. Cassie Roberts and Kelly Dees may know some people
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Ben's Brigade- last meeting coming up and then picnic on May 7 at noon. Working on doing some work with Monte.
 - b. Uniform Consignment- May 6, try to set up the night before, two different time slots available. Parents have reached out to sell their items. Looking at having people come and sell their own items that day in addition to PTO selling donations. Clothing donation drop off starting next week. Maybe have leftover stuff set up during field day if we can work it out. Needing new buckets. Spirit wear sales will take place at the same time.

- c. Thank you Andreyra for the BENefit Bash! Nothing but good feedback. Freedom Golf Carts and Ken Arrington were extremely generous.

Vice President: Alissa Motazed

1. Logging Hours
 - a. Volunteer Gifts- have ideas for gifts but please log your hours ASAP.
 - b. End of year picnic is May 7 at Redstone from 5-7pm.
2. Volunteer of the Month
 - a. Heather Kimball- put together veteran slideshow and is a sponsor

Secretary: Erin Crowe

1. Vote Review
 - a. Voted to approve rights for next year's middle school musical
2. PTO Elections
 - a. Elections begin April 23-29
 - b. Please vote!
 - c. Will reach out after elections to notify you of your elected/appointed positions or to offer other possible positions
 - d. Still looking for Spirit Night, Baking Committee, Franklin Fest, Spring Social, and Sweetheart Ball
 - e. Executive positions and Committee Chairs will be on the ballot. Committee Managers will be appointed by the Executive PTO Board
 - f. If you have not provided your bio for elections please do so ASAP
 - g. A google form will go out to the community on Sunday in order to vote.

Treasurer: Christiana Sparks

1. Month over Month changes
 - a. Bash ticket sales, income on spirit nights, moms night out, benefit bash expenses coming in, musical rights, reimbursement for Ben's Brigade
2. Benefit Bash sales
3. Uniform sale and Spiritwear sale: re-do
4. Tax Form 990
 - a. Has been submitted to CPA and is due next month. Will see if it gets done on time or extended
5. Bank Balances
 - a. \$49,126- checking, \$27,794- savings, \$76,921- total

Social Coordinator: Ewelina Chrzanowski

1. Mother/Son Event

- a. Ticket sales close on Friday. Will be at Path movement. Come for your timeframe and food and then exit due to capacity at this venue. Sales are going well. Unfortunately, no sisters may come. Girls already had an event, this is an event for the boys. Could use 3-5 volunteers who do not have sons.
- 2. 8th Grade Graduation/Dinner
 - a. Working on a committee and starting communication. Email has gone out to 8th grade families. Using Bash decor. Looking for a graduation photographer. Jessica Kostelecky is bakery manager at Safeway if there is anything we can ever use and she also might know a photographer.

Fundraising: Andrey Flanigan

- 1. Bash Update/Followup
 - a. It was so fun and went very well. Waiting on the final number but raised over \$69,000 dollars. Didn't get much from direct giving. Mostly all from the BASH. Thank you notes to vendors and Arringtons have been sent. Took a big team, Thank you!
- 2. Sponsorships
 - a. May 8th will be a sponsor thank you at Urban Village, with appetizers and non alcoholic drinks. 12-2pm. PTO is invited. Evite will come out.
 - b. Suburban Girl Boutique and Robeks and three other sponsors will team up to provide food for Staff Appreciation Week. Will have clothing racks available for shopping. A preschool mom will be providing cupcakes. 7-noon. Purity skin studio has packages available for purchase that week (to use by July) and will donate 5% back to PTO and will be discounted prices.
 - c. Signs will go out again, need some new ones that got lost in the wind.
 - d. One more newsletter blurb about sponsors coming
 - e. 1-2 sponsors will be helping to give a goodie for Room Parent Appreciation
- 3. Spirit Wear
 - a. Andrey is taking over for the rest of the year. Amy is working on some notes so we can open the online store.
- 4. Spirit Nights
 - a. Robeks 12-6, April 22
 - b. Skate City May 3, 4-6

Room Parent Coordinator: Anne Chacon

- 1. RP and ARP Night Out
 - a. Gift bags for RP and ARP's. Night out will be at Postino's, appetizers on

PTO, May 17th.

2. Room Parent Recruitment
 - a. Email went out for room parents who want to be considered next year
 - b. Will be looking at getting it in the newsletter