



July Enrollment	44	46	44	46	47	49	47	46	33
August Enrollment	44	46	44	46	46	49	46	41	28
September Enrollment	44	45	44	47	46	49	46	36	27
October Enrollment	44	45	44	47	46	49	46	36	27
November Enrollment	44	44	44	47	46	48	46	35	27
December Enrollment	44	44	43	47	46	48	46	35	27
Wait list	47	22	26	28	6	0	0	0	0

The withdrawal table below represents all withdrawals between 11/10- 12/06:

Grade	# of withdrawals	# accepted off wait list	Date of withdrawal Reasons given for transfer
2	1	1 <i>Start date 1/3</i>	<i>11/28/05, teacher out on disability, student required more stable environment</i>

#### Staff Changes

- Short term disability-Julie Christensen has been out on disability since 11/10/05. Expected to be cleared by physician mid December.
- Second Grade Long Term Substitute-Gail Trotin, previously taught Grade 2-4 French teacher, certified (Resume available at board meeting).
- Part Time Grade 2, 3 and 4 French and Grade 5 Special Education Paraprofessional- M. Katri (Resume available at board meeting)
- Part Time Special Education Paraprofessional for grades 5 & 6, Karen O'Donnell (M, T, Th, Fri).

#### Technology

- Grade Quick and Administrator Plus programs are fully installed and implemented. Report cards for grades 5-8 will be generated through these programs.
- Lexia, K-3 researched based reading support software, has been loaded on the server and the client side of Lexia has been installed on both computers in the library, faculty room, rooms 5-8, modular 2 & 3 and on one computer in the lab. Instructions will be distributed soon to the teachers.
- Technology Plan Update was submitted to DOE on time.
- Monty Grob was awarded a grant from the PCO to purchase Sketch Pad, an algebra and geometry software program that grades 4-8 can use. Training will be provided to the teachers.

## Professional Development and Curriculum News

- Science Support
  - Met with a Consultant- She will be consulting with Elizabeth Clayton and Pat Fairbanks and the teachers to provide hands-on support and science materials to our K-4 classrooms (see hand out on specifics).
  - Grade 3 Kathy Urkevic, Museum of Science workshop on the Solar System.
  - Kindergarten was presented a hands on lesson on magnetism by a BFCCPS parent, Richard Pearl.
  - Grade 3 hosted a presentation on reptiles by The Reptile Man.
  - Grade 6 attended Wheaton College observatory.
  - Teachers have formed a Science task force.
- Math Support
  - Tech support will be provided when the Sketch Pad arrives for 4-8 faculty.

### Fine Arts Department

2006 Play: The King and I Auditions were held 11/29 and 12/2. Thirty five students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are now part of cast. Opening night will be 3/10.

Grade 6, 7 and 8 Fine Arts block: New course offering- Photography, taught by Mr. Joe Perna.

Upcoming Concerts:

12/15, 7:00pm, Grade 5-8 Chorus and Symphonic Band,

1/12 7:00pm Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble, Students

Week of 1/14 Faculty will be performing for the Town of Franklin BenCentennial Celebration at the Franklin Public Library.

### Student Services

DIBLES assessments have been completed, providing reading data on all K – 3 students

DOE Program of Quality Assurance: The Coordinated Program Review Mid-Cycle Corrective Action Plan was submitted on time.

PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting on Dec. 14

- In School Enrichment and Assemblies
  - Kindergarten: Mr. Pearl did a unit on magnetism
  - Grade 3: Reptile man visited
  - Grades K-8: November 18: Roots of American Dance, (See News Article)
- Basketball Program
  - Practice started 11/16 and is scheduled once a week through February 2.
  - Games to be announce. Still searching for a team corporate sponsor. The cost to sponsor both teams would be approximately 350.00 which can put your company's name on the shirts.
- Brown Bag Lunches
  - HOS has initiated a series of optional lunch discussion during which faculty may stop in and discuss educational topics

Understanding AYP (Nov. 16),  
From Benchmarks to Report Cards (Nov. 28),  
ERB interpretation (December 2)

Faculty leadership team has formed will meet starting Tuesday, December 13 with HOS to advise her on issues and initiatives.

- Educational Field Studies  
Grade 6, Wheaton College observatory
- Facilities Update  
Board committee meeting on December 15
- Community Connections  
Franklin Fire Department: November 15<sup>th</sup>: Robin, Kate and Deb met with the Franklin Fire Chief, Gary McCarraher, to start the process of getting a written document with the town for Emergency preparedness.

Franklin Police: Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Robin, Kate and Deb met with the Franklin Police to talk about Emergency preparedness and the use of the Police department for our school. Officer Jason Reilly, Town of Franklin Resource Officer, began visits to the school. Will meet with him again to prepare the document for Emergency preparedness.

Ed Callahan, a sergeant in the US army and son of our 7/8 history teacher presented a power point presentation to grades 5-8 on his experiences in Iraq. This assembly was an inspirational kick off for grades 5-8 community service project to collect gift items for the U.S. soldiers.

Parent Information meeting on Understanding Standardized Test Reports will be offered on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the library.

First Grade teachers, Robin Mayer and Sue Weidman invited parents to learn more about our reading program and how to support their children with reading and writing at home. This was held on December 1.

Information Evening on Enrollment was held Thursday, *December 1*, 7:00pm-8:30pm. There was an increase in attention from last year, about 45 people attended. Thanks to Faculty and Staff that attended: Pat Fairbanks, Elizabeth Clayton, Ben Benjamin, Deb Schwab, Elizabeth Henderson and Monty Grob.

Ben Benjamin's proposal on Integrating Music and Technology was accepted by the MA Public Charter School Association for presentation at the statewide Best Practices Conference at Holy Cross in March 2006.

Barnes and Noble BFCCPS presentations: Our Fine Arts Department collaborated with PCO to coordinate an excellent PR opportunity. BFCCPS faculty and students presented instrumental selections on Sunday, November 20, members of the chorus sang on Tuesday, November 22, and student Art work was on display from Sunday, November 20-26.

Project Comfort: Saturday, November 19: 10 volunteers, stuffed and sewed pillows for area hospitals

Fundraising Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 18, PCO raised around \$1800.00, Thank you to Beth Kaplan and her crew.

BenCentennial Update: Benjamin Franklin Bank has donated \$1300.00 towards the Ben Franklin re-enactor and armonica presenter. Grades 4-6 teachers were invited to meet with PCO president and HOS to discuss their extent of participation and how to prepare for this visit. They have agreed to host Mr. Franklin during his visit.

- Workshops, conferences and trainings attended by faculty during November/December
  - Elizabeth Clayton-Observing and Analyzing Teaching
  - Kathy Urkevic-Museum of Science -Solar System
  - Karen La Placa - Dibels (Dynamic, Indicators, of Basic Early Literacy Skills) workshop on standardized assessment for grades K-4
  - Pat Fairbanks- Response to Intervention provided by Massachusetts General Hospital
  
  - Pat Fairbanks: DOE Special Education Administration Training
  - Ben Benjamin- Mass Charter School Association workshop on presenter skills
  - Kara Geraci, Robin Coyne: DOE Financial Audits and Recommended Fiscal Policies and Procedures,
  - Kate Edgar, Robin Coyne: DOE Highly Qualified Teachers-Understanding the Federal Requirements,
  - Deb Schwab: DOE Statutory Enrollment and Tuition Caps
  - Pat Fairbanks: DOE English Language Learner Education: Implementing Structured English Immersion
  - Virginia LaGanke and Colleen Brown: DOE An overview on the Amendment Requirements and Process
  
- Advocacy News

Marlboro: State legislative educational hearings, Head of School attended on Thursday, December 1

Department of Education Reporting

Technology Plan Update submitted November 14

District and School Staffing Report submitted October 30

PQA (Program Quality Assurance) mid-cycle review response will be submitted on Dec.16

Enrollment Information Evening Dates

Tuesday, *January 3*, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

(Snow Date: Thurs, Jan. 5)

Thursday, *January 26*, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

(Snow Date: Thursday, February 2)

Applications Due:

Friday, February 3, 2006

Public Lottery:

Friday, February 10, 2006, 1:00 pm, School Library

New Family Meeting:

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Applications recorded to date

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
14	5	1	4	1	2	2	0	0	29

Discussion and Vote on PR/Development Position

Board felt 1) need to create a committee to interview which is comprised of Board members, community members and at least one Foundation member. 2) that funding should be approved. A job description will be forthcoming from this committee to the Board.

Jack McCarthy left at 9:45

**Motion** to have BFCCPS fund up to 20K for development related position for this fiscal year to cover compensation. Motion approved.

**Motion** to formally charge task force to develop scope and initiate recruiting effort. Motion approved.

Virginia agreed to collect comments.

10:00. **Motion** to suspend rules and extend meeting past 10pm. Motion approved

**Motion** to endorse the December '05 Version of the Strategic Plan with the understanding that the Governance task force will try to meet on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> to review the Mission Statement.

Endorsement approved.

Committee reports.

Governance would like to review holiday policy in response to public concerns.

Governance would also like to create policy around the school email system and issues of confidentiality.

10:10 **Motion** to adjourn. Approved