

# **Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School PCO General Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2009

7:00pm

Attendance: 16

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## **Administration Update - Joe Perna, Director of School Operations and Student Activities**

- School Musical ... Huge Success!!
  - 65 students participated in Fiddler on the Roof.
  - The school play is becoming so successful each year that we are outgrowing our auditorium.
  - The school is open for suggestions as to where to hold the play next year. Please email Joe Perna or Heather Zolnowski within in the next few weeks if you have any recommendations.
- Professional Development Day Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - The last professional development day for teachers will be a presentation and discussion on the Indian culture.
- Enrollment Update
  - This year the school kicked off an online viewing on the lottery and 100 individuals logged on to watch.
  - There were some technical difficulties which will be improved upon for next year, but even with some challenges the school received positive feedback.
  - There were only 13 Kindergarten spots available for next year, and currently every grade has a wait list for next year.

## **Presidents' Report - Karen Peterson**

- Thank you to all the volunteers this school year.
- Fundraising meetings are scheduled over the next month with the administration and foundation to coordinate all the fundraising efforts that will take place for the 2010-2011 school year. The objective is to balance out the school year with requests sent to families.
- The school and the PCO are moving forward on talks to combine the PE Uniform order form with the Spirit Wear order form. A new committee will be formed to run all clothing orders for the school.
- (1) Vice President position and (3) Member-at-large positions are open on the PCO Board. Job descriptions are posted on the website and nomination forms are due by May 3, 2010 for the PCO Board Meeting in June (TBD) where the positions will be voted on.
- Walk to school forum is being held at the Franklin YMCA on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in learning more about the program.

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## **Treasurer's Report - Kristie O'Rourke**

- Committee Chairs with budgets must get their needs for the 2010-2011 school year to Kristie by April 4, 2010 so that requests can be considered during the PCO budget meetings.
- Renewed PTO Manager subscription for another year.
- Signed up for IParty program, where the PCO will have a day in June to pick through clearance items.
- Isabella's donation from the school has been completed by Ms. Russell and students and will be matted and framed and presented to Isabella's in May.
- Requests for the \$6000 allocated for school field trips (\$333/classroom) this school year must be submitted by May 31, 2010.

## **Parent Survey- Kerry Sweeney Harris**

- An online parent survey will be sent to all BFCCPS families.
- All families who participate will be entered to win a raffle (TBD).
- Participation in the survey is key for the PCO Board to plan and budget for the upcoming school year.

## **Committee Updates:**

- Teacher Appreciation
  - Co-chairs are Kelly Meredith and Merlyn Irudayaraj.
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking for committee members
- Yearbook
  - Please forward pictures for all grades to Doris Reynolds.
  - 2009-2010 Cover design contest theme is "Celebrating 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary".
  - Deadline for the contest is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- BJ's
  - Spring sign up for a BJ's membership will take place in April.
- Restaurant Night
  - The pig race is currently being scheduled with the school.
- Grants
  - We were awarded a \$400 grant from the Franklin Cultural Council (FCC) for an upcoming storyteller's visit from Charlotte Blake Alston that will happen on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - If anyone is aware of any grants please send information to Michelle Jackson.

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- Family Night
  - A BINGO night is being planned for the spring.
- Arts Enrichment
  - 2 events scheduled for April and 1 in May.
  - Arts enrichment programs for 2010-2011 school year will be planned in April/May; please send ideas to Jennifer Moccia.
- Family to Family
  - Karen Dexter is stepping down as chair for next year.
- Box Tops
  - \$436 were submitted in February for reimbursement.
  - Money raised through Box Tops is allocated by the administration.
- Shop for Charter
  - Currently 62 supporters
  - Looking for ideas to get the message out to families to enroll in this program, with no credit card commitment.
- Spring Book Fair
  - Scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
  - All classes have submitted their summer reading lists which allows for advance notice to Scholastic Books to have more of the required reading books available.
- Destination Imagination
  - BFCCPS is competing Saturday, March 20, 2010.