

Friends of Franklin Meeting minutes 10/11/10

1. Credit card Machines, FOF wants to purchase 2, 1 wired and 1 wireless. Looking at \$799 for two, one maybe refurbished. FOF has \$250 gift card from bank with merchant account, can be used towards the purchase. We pay around \$400 per event to rent over the course of the year.
2. Ms. Sasso needs help checking off the kids media consent forms. 2 volunteers needed: Danny Patrick, Molly M. and Netty G.
3. Title 1: Committee has translator, pays for literacy coach, so need to reach 40% of Title 1 kids if possible—need parents to fill out the forms.
 - a. Need to organize room parents to encourage folks to fill out the form
4. Plant manager:
 - a. Current Superintendent has plan to remove individual plant supervisors at the elementary school level and augment with cleaning crews. 4 elementary schools would share one plant manager and then have the cleaning crews
 - b. There has been no pilot of this program, to be implemented in December
 - c. Yolanda Flores, our school board rep, will go along with superintendent's idea, as the board asked him to "think outside the box"—and he came up with this plan
 - d. We may be able to purchase this position
 - e. Ms. Sasso is worried about safety issues without the plant manager around, as he knows all the emergency shut-off valves, etc. Cleaning crew wouldn't know, and we may not be able to get the shared plant manager over in an emergency.
 - f. This could affect afterschool both lower yard and Franklin Kids
5. Anything going into backpacks (flyers, etc) needs to be approved by Ms. Sasso
6. Fund Drive:
 - a. This year in the letter home to folks, we are asking for a \$500 donation
 - b. We want 100% participation—even if it's \$1.00 or \$5.00, we want everyone to join
 - c. We will have a Temp gauge to mark progress
 - d. Have raffles (Nintendo DS as prizes) for kids who turn in annual fund envelopes before 12/15
7. Bake Sales
 - a. Last one netted \$170—pizza not preferred...
 - b. Maybe do themes
 - c. Money goes towards field trips
8. Ceramics
 - a. Should we pay for it or not this year?
 - b. FOF pays \$27,000 for arts prototype
 - c. Ceramics would be an additional \$6,000
 - d. Already doing 1 year of dance, 1 year of theater, and 1 year of visual arts
 - e. Per Ms. Sasso, no time for ceramics this year
 - f. Aniko moves to vote to not fund ceramics this year
 - g. Ellen seconds
 - h. 7 yes, 1 no, measure passes
9. FOF will pay for only one field trip per class this year.
 - a. Classes can raise money for their own/additional fieldtrips.
 - b. MOCA field trip, 3rd through 5th grades, may need to ask FOF to help pay for buses
 - c. We may have 3 free buses for spring, could use that for the MOCA trip
 - d. Last year some parents donated private funds for field trips
 - i. It's a fine line, raising money for additional field trips through room parents
 - ii. No parent drivers—insurance issues
 - iii. Parent knows folks at LA Zoo, could pass on to field trip coordinator
 - iv. Question: Different for 5th grade? Sometimes we can get ones from Griffith Observatory. It depends on the subject desired for trip.

10. Next Meeting the King Principal will be speaking/presenting at 6 PM.
 - a. FOF board meeting at 5 PM?
11. Teacher appreciation: Luncheon makes teachers feel appreciated more, need to reach out to them
12. Using Froyo to sponsor the student of the week.