

PIE MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 7PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laurie Asencios; Margaret Duran; Karen Elsner; Tracey Fraise; Janet Haigh; Linda Hernandez; Jaynemie Hunt; Tanya Keating; Rowena Koran; Ana Lisa Mallari; Kathy Montal; Sanjay Patel; Stephanie Rizzo; Deb Rogers, Erin Schoefield; Christy Solimine; FRCS Staff: Ron Griffin

Laurie Asencios motioned to approve February 12, 2015 minutes, and Tanya Keating 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Father-Daughter Dance – Diva’s under the Sea

- To be held March 20; K-5 event
- Co-chairs: Tanya Keating and Christy Solimine
- There was discussion on the name of the dance. In past years, the dance has been called the Father-Daughter Dance and had a theme to go along with it. In the communications that went out this year, the dance was referred to as “Diva’s Under the Sea Dance with your father, grandfather, uncle or specials someone,” with no mention of Father-Daughter Dance. Someone asked why this change was made.
 - Reason for change:
 - Not all families have “dad’s “and there were a some people that requested that name be changed to reflect that. The desire was to make the event “all –inclusive” so girls didn’t feel dad if they didn’t have a “dad” to bring to the dance
 - Reasons requested to keep it the same
 - Traditionally called Father-daughter dance
 - It was not clear to some people that this was the Father-Daughter Dance.

Going forward, we can explore options to how we refer to our various events

- There was a discussion around providing “scholarships” to the dance if people request a fee waiver. As of tonight’s meeting, we had received 1 request. It was mentioned we could crosscheck with Karen Harris to provide them to those on Free and reduced lunches. It was felt we did not expect many requests. Rowena moved that we grant up to 10 scholarships; if more than that we speak with Karen Harris; Linda 2nd
- The photographers good to go; several volunteers starting to sign-up

Field Day

- Co-chairs: Tanya Keating, Lauren Micciantuono
- Committee: Margaret Duran, Regina Hill, Stephanie Gagne, Laurie Asencios, Maria Kollar, Jaynemie Hunt, Ilesha Marcelino
- Ron Griffin indicated Field Day would be the last day of school, which is a ½ day; during that time, we will need to allow time for lunch.
- Ron requested that Field Day have components that include all grades, K-12. Sarah Spence (one of the guidance counselors) is working to plan activities for the middle school; we should coordinate with her on that. For the high school, it is suggested we work with student councils.
- Plan to do t-shirt contests; contest geared towards the upper school kids; will determine rules and publish them shortly so entries can be created and a design selected with plenty of time to order and distribute to the kids before field day.

Pi day

- Pi day is March 14; FRCS having Pi day activity after school on 3/13, 3:30 – 5, for grades 5-12
- They could use a couple of volunteers if possible
- Lisa Carlevati is the FRCS organizer

Regional Spanish Spelling Bee

- April 10, 2015
- 1st annual regional Spanish spelling bee to be held at FRCS (there has never been any regional Spanish spelling bee in the US)
 - We expect over 300 people from 27 different states
 - Only full Spanish spelling Bee in New England until this year
 - 2 years ago FRCS sent 4 students to the Nat'l Spelling Bee; there were 26 total participants
 - Last year FRCS sent 6 participants to the Nat'l Spelling Bee – there were 70+ participants total
- World's languages department will all be supporting this event but other volunteers are needed to assist with refreshments, serve as hosts and direct people, etc. We want the people traveling to FRCS to feel welcome and comfortable.
- Ron requested a single point of contact from PIE; Linda Hernandez offered to be that person if someone else would send out the sign-up genius – **volunteer needed to set up the sign-up genius** (Linda will handle everything else).
- Arnie Dunkin & the state Commissioner were invited; commissioner can't come; Arnie Dunkin not sure
- Due to the # of participants and need for parking for those participating in the event, at this point, it will not be opened up for FRCS families to come watch. One parent asked about live-streaming the event; Ron was up for it if that person would take it on. Another suggestion was to reaching out to the Cable Access channel to see if they wanted to film it.

Nat'l Honor society Inductions

- To be held April 30 at 6PM
- Ron is looking for a handful of volunteers to help with the event. **PIE will do a sign-up genius – we need volunteer to do this.**
- It was suggested we target this towards upper school parents since the event is for them.

Celebrate the Arts Evening

- May 28th at 6PM
- Will encompass the spring orchestra concert as well as showcase a number of other FRCS arts, including visual arts, other music and robotics.
- Ron would like volunteers for this evening. In the past this event has run long and part of what Ron wants to do is make sure the evening moves along smoothly. Having the volunteers to help kids, etc. will be a big step towards doing this. There will need to be a walk-through with the volunteers during the rehearsal on May 27. PIE will do a sign-up Genius for this closer to the event.
- Mrs. Gamerman is requesting help to hang artwork; need sign-up genius to do it; Rowena will get dates and times; Mrs. Gamerman will have info session; people can come in when they want to do the actual hanging of artwork once they are trained.

Founder's day

- June 13; theme is "Music is in the Air"
- Co-chairs: Kathy Montal and Trina Kleinberg;
- Waiting for registration to come out to officially sign up; will have table at Booth Field; will be getting a food permit so we can sell cups of cut watermelon.
- We have a trailer for the float (8" wide and 16' long); we need a storage location for Thursday and Friday nights – ideally it is covered in case of rain and it would be close by.
- Last year there was a CSL class that worked on float; this year we don't have that so we need to figure out a way to get kids involved in creating/assembling the float; will talk to Jaime Droste about getting kids involved – determine if it can be after school; Saturdays, etc.
- Have reached out to music department and Mr. Duska – talked to them about having musicians on float or marching behind.

Kindergarten and 1st grade screening

- To be held May 18-22; 1st grade screening on May 27th
- Need sign-up genius for PIE information table and for dress code; Jaynemie and Robin Schoefield to do sign-up genius for this; Cub Scouts will have a table as well.

Boxtops Collection

- Chair: Stephanie Rizzo
- Will put boxes out before end of March—one in 5th grade wing, kindergarten wing, 1st/2nd grade, main office; To get credit for the contest, the only required info on the Box Tops is the child's grade.
- Deadlines for submission/payment are March & November; however, Box Tops can be submitted all year.
- For contest scoring, expired Box Tops don't count; if a Box Top is clipped, it gets an extra point.

GENERAL BUSINESS/MISC TOPICS

Uniforms

- There were more negative comments about the dress code clothing vendor, including quality and service.

Room parents

- We still get a few complaints about people not getting emails
- To make it easier for people to update or add their emails, someone asked if we could create a subscription on the website where people can subscribe to be on an email list.
- We will start email process during the summer this year, working with the school in August, once they determine classes.

Directory

- Could we use some sort of Google doc.

Officers

- Want to start thinking about next year's board and encourage others to run, if interested.
 - To prevent conflict of interest, substitute teachers and FRCS employees can't be on the board
 - President: Kathy would be interested as a co-president but not full president
 - Treasurer: Deb is willing to serve one more year but would like an assistant that is interested in taking over in future year as she is likely stepping down after 2015-16 school year.
 - Recording secretary: Karen would like to find someone to take this on
 - Corresponding Secretary, 1st VP, 2nd VP: TBD

Teaching Garden

- Kathy and Tanya attended teaching garden meeting
- Ms. Mutrie indicated they are in need of a spicket to be able to more easily water the garden. Cost is \$150. This may not fit into the school budget. She may choose to submit a request to PIE for this.

Cub Scouts

- Just held blue and gold banquet; awards, potluck
- This weekend – pancake breakfast at Ahern school, 7:30-11:30
 - Cub Scouts will be serving and collecting \$

2015-16 Schedule of Events

- The school is planning the 2015-16 calendar. PIE needs to put together requested dates for activities so they can be put into the calendar, including the fall book fair.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 9 at 7PM.