

**FRANKLIN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**GENERAL PTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**January 26, 2018**

Attendance:

Board Members: Laura Metzler, Christina Tillsley, Laura Strickland, Jennifer Bedrin,

Guests: Dr. Furnari, , Mrs. Cuomo , Mrs. Larson, Dr Vacca

Members: Please see attached attendance sheet

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order: PTA President, Laura Metzler called the meeting to order at 9:33am and welcomed all in attendance.

Recording Secretary Report: Christina circulated minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved by Margaret Bennett and Amy Soto

Dr. Furnari : Superintendent Report

FAMS will be hosting a march coffee chat. Date to be announced.

We have hosted two Parent Academies which were both successful. Social media and one on Columbine. Sharon McCarthy will be hosting one on mindfulness and well being which is suitable for 8 years older and a parent to attend

The April Forum will be a Digital Playground for parents and children.

The next Board meeting there will be an update on the school performance reports.

Gave an update on the swastika issue that was drawn on the bus. Hate language will not be tolerated and they were already in the process of planning an assembly regarding such discussions. A letter will be going out to the community regarding.

Mrs. Larson- Guidance update

Recommendations will be coming home for 8<sup>th</sup> graders next Thursday. Please contact them with any questions.

Dr. Vacca - Indian Hills High School Principal

spoke of the shared curriculum in the RIH district. How important the level of engagement is for the success of the child at the school.

They are working on programs that will work with coping skills for anxiety in the students. They now have Student Wellness Ambassadors and Wellness Wednesdays.

Spring Musical is Little Women . Gave update on the successes of various clubs and sports teams for the school

February 13<sup>th</sup> is the Stigma Free initiative LIME OUT.

He introduced two students who spoke and gave their insights into Indian Hills and answered questions from the audience.

Margaret Bennett- spoke regarding eblasts and those who have AOL as their contact. AOL is bouncing everything back. Please supply a new address

Vicki Holst- BOE representative

The Board has taken on their new committee assignments. They are still in a holding pattern with negotiations.

Jennifer Speiser - FLEF report

The Tubing event is tonight. The FLEF dinner Dance is April 20<sup>th</sup> and the theme is the Kentucky Derby.

Laura Metzler- President's report

explained the photo booth and software that Mr. Keiser asked the PTA to sponsor. When put to a vote it passed by majority.

We need help serving lunches this year and chairing for next year.

Living Lessons is May 17<sup>th</sup> with a speaker for the school population on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a follow up on the 18<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip paperwork is due by February 1, 2018 the 8<sup>th</sup> graduation is June 20 at GLOW in Waldwick

Walk to Water Event and fundraiser is in the works and a big event will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurers Report: Laura Strickland

Revenue is down, especially for Moes and Sandwich day. Spoke about the importance of lunch time program funds.

. Meeting Adjourned at 10:36