

# FLY Meeting | MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 | Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Meeting location: FTE Library

## AGENDA TOPICS

<b>1. Introductions - 7 people in attendance</b>		
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<b>2. Good News</b>	<b>Lead / Organizer</b>	
Fall for All - well attended; positive feedback	Parent/Principal	
FLY has 2 great Co-Presidents that are new & doing a great job!	Parents	
4/5 Grade Circus Performances were amazing; CEO came down from NY because he was told by the Circus Masters it's the best they've seen.	Teacher	
Fall Fundraiser went well; raised ~ \$5000.00	FLY Presidents	
FTE took 1 <sup>st</sup> place in the Halloween Parade	Teacher	

<b>3. Spotlight on Education</b>	<b>Lead / Organizer</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Veterans' Visit	Mrs. Ecker	Monday, 11/12/18
Danny - The Therapy Dog	Mrs. Effinger	Weekly
Look For The Good Wrap-Up Assembly	Shelly	Friday, 10/28/18 year-long
Parent-Teacher Conferences & Meals	Sara Bugler (parent)	11/6-11/9
MOY Benchmark Assessments	Shelly	Late December

## Discussion Notes |

- **Veterans Day** – On Monday, November 12, Franklin Township Elementary School (organized by Chris Ecker our Art teacher), honored community veterans by welcoming them to visit with all of the 5th grade classes during their specials time. The veterans served as the models for their sketches. In total, 8 veterans volunteered, all of whom were related to FT students. The oldest veteran, 92-year old WWII veteran and former Adams County Commissioner Robert Klunk, shared stories of his experiences and allowed students to try on his military jackets and hats. Eighty 5th grade students completed sketches which will then be used to create individual projects. All of the volunteer veterans will be invited back to FT to view the finished pieces when they are completed.
- **Danny - The Therapy Dog** - Every week for one hour, our school counselor Mrs. Effinger, has a therapy dog named Danny - who's a Labrador Retriever - come and visit Franklin Township Students. Mrs. Effinger and Danny hold whole group lessons, meet with students in small groups, and also 1:1 when needed. Students get to read to Danny, pet him & brush him, and just love on him. This "pet therapy" helps to reduce anxiety and stress in students, while also promoting a calm environment.

- **Look For The Good Wrap-Up Assembly-** Although the plan is to continue living out our *Look for the Good* theme for the remainder of the year, late October concluded the formal part of our Look for the Good - Gratitude Campaign. Throughout the month of October, we took over 400 pictures and video clips of our FTE community of learners. We interviewed teachers, students, and staff asking what they're grateful for and what they think about when they hear the words: Look for the Good. We also took pictures of students adding their "grateful notes" to the Gratitude Wall. Students and teachers were given *You Matter Cards* and students also wrote *You Matter Letters* to someone they wanted to recognize; someone they were grateful for. With the help of Andrew, a 36-minute video was created, capturing the experiences over the past few weeks. It is awesome!! The wrap-up assembly brought everyone together and was led by our 5th grade Student Leaders.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences & Meals** - Our parent-teacher conferences were very well attended with about a 97% family participation rate - this was an increase of about 2% from last year. The meals that families provided for teachers were amazing! There was so much food for our teachers during their long days of conferencing. The feedback was very positive and teachers were incredibly grateful for the generosity demonstrated by our FTE families! Thank you Sara Bugler for organizing this!
- **MOY Benchmarks** - MOY = Middle of the Year Benchmark Assessments will take place late December, just before break; following the assessments - after data is reviewed and analyzed, new intervention and enrichment groups will be determined.

4. Recent Events/What's coming up?	Lead / Organizer	Date(s)
FTE Family Night - All Wrapped Up in Holiday Bingo	Shelly	Thursday, 12/6 6:00-7:00pm
FLY Presidents Report	Lindsay Knouse & Danielle Shull	
Your Turn – All attending meeting	All present	
Gift Cards Drawing (Sheetz and Dairy Queen)	All Present	

### Discussion Notes |

- **FTE Family Night; All Wrapped Up in Holiday Bingo** – We will have bingo for families in the gym on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm. Snacks may be provided. Raffles will be drawn and prizes given out.
- **FLY Presidents' Report - Fall Fundraiser** – The Little Caesars Pizza Kit has concluded and items were delivered and picked up today (11/13). The sale lasted 2 weeks. Profits were \$6/per kit. The Fundraiser profited about \$5,000 for FLY. Shelly will announce all winners: individually, by grade, and by class on Friday, 11/16.
- **Your Turn...Public Participation**
  - **AIR 4/5 Grade Circus 2020** - The decision was made for FLY to fund the National Circus Project again in 2 years. The decision has to be made now because they book 2 years out.
  - **Parent Teacher Conferences - Meals for Teachers** - Sara shared it was a bit hectic but it all came together in the end. Sara agreed to lead this again next year; she'll just cut and paste the details to make things easier. FLY chipped in and got sandwiches and salad from Ragged Edge; felt this was affordable. Sara asked: was there enough food; the answer was a definitive yes! Sara asked: does lunch need provided to teachers on the Thursday; committee decided 3 meals are sufficient (2 dinners & breakfast); teachers usually order out on Thursday! Suggestion was given for dinner on Thursday to be lighter due to a later lunch for teachers. Feedback from teachers was very positive; they were very grateful. *Shelly sent thank you notes to all families who donated anything during conference week.*
  - **MAT (math-a-thon) Fundraiser** – Lengthy discussion held. Dates, timeline, and details were discussed. Shelly will send last year's documents to FLY members to give an idea of how this is organized. Dates will run similarly to last year with the exception of the Kick-Off Assembly being a week later, as well as the T-Shirt design contest. More details coming.... In order to have this fundraiser, 2-3 Volunteers are needed to chair this event!