

**Frelinghuysen H.S.A Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Ethel Minchello  
Janet Patterson  
Kris Fallon  
Carol Pruett  
Kristen Cunningham

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Last Month - Approved Ann Piascik, 2nd by Laura Danielsen.

**Principal's Report** - Ethel discussed House Days, House of the Phoenix chose home room, House of the Dragon had a pep rally preparing for the Colonial challenge, House of the Tiger had a an assembly. Each house needs to put together a House Plan on how to get the kids connected to their respective houses.

**MEF** - all administrators were at the Colonial Fun Run on Sunday October 18th, 2009.

**Red Ribbon** - anti-drug and anti-violence weeks. Spirit has been added as well. Each house will collect items for charity.

Dragon - Battered Women's Shelter  
Tiger - Food Pantry  
Phoenix -

**Spirit Week** -

The idea of one school will be promoted. Grades 6 & 7 will attend an assembly.

10/26 - Wear Maroon

10/27 - DARE T-Shirts should be worn. Officer Jason will be giving out ice cream to all kids wearing their Dare T-Shirt. 8th grade going to Boro School

10/28 - Red should be worn

10/29 - House Colors should be worn

10/30 - Halloween, children may wear costumes if they choose.

**Home Room Door Contest** - Anti-Drug decorations. Doors will be judged. Homeroom with the most points will win a pizza party.

**Advisor/Advisee** - 1st training has been held. We are very excited about the program. November 3rd is 2nd training

**Parent Conferences** - November 2nd and 4th

Monday from 1 to 5:30

Wednesday from 1 to 4:30

6th graders in one gym

7th graders in the other gym

8th graders in the cafeteria

**Curriculum** -

Social Studies will change next year

8th grade enrichment classes

**Changes in Staff** -

Carol Moy - 6th Grade Science teacher has resigned. Deborah Halpern will join October 30th.

Penny Liguori - is retiring December 30th, 2009. Zachery Lichtman will replace her.

**VPB** - 21st Century Learning - the future of education is very exciting. Today's kids learn differently. They are more visual & kinetic learners. They are not auditory learners. They learn by doing, touching, not simply listening to lecture.

**President's Report** -

**Update on Magazine Fundraiser** - final numbers won't be known until December. It appears that we are about \$17,000 of sales.

**Box Tops** - homeroom competition - cut them, save them, there is a box in front of the office to drop off box tops.

**Ink Cartridges** - can be submitted for donation, the school will convert to \$

**Colonial Challenge** - House of Phoenix won \$250, NPS and 9th Grade class at MHS. Our school had great runners, a few of the children placed within the top 15 runners!

**Morris School District** - website has changed format, same web address.

**Treasurer Report -**

**Snack Bar** - negative, items were purchased not yet sold.

**Committee Update -**

Snack Bar is up and running

Canteen was a success, raised \$200

Clothing sale will be held within the next few weeks. Stacie Giammarino heads this event.

Directories were sent home a few weeks ago.

**Partnership for a Drug Free NJ/McDrug - Presented by Ann Johnson and Ann Kinney**

10/14 - 6th graders at 8:30, 7th graders at 9:30

Red Ribbon Week -

**10/26** - Red Ribbon signing

**10/27** - wear DARE T-Shirt, 8th graders going to Morris Plains Borough School to see "Perfection on Wheels". The assembly is outside, please dress appropriately.

**10/28** - wear Red Day, 6th graders will receive Drug Free bracelets in homeroom.

**10/29** - all students will receive a breakfast bar in homeroom.

**10/30** - Door Décor Contest ends - Doors will be judged and winners announced Monday morning. Winning homerooms will have a breakfast party November 4th.

**February** - Mykee Fowlin - one man show, different characters about personal identity, violence, etc. Assembly is for 7th Graders, mirrors are given to kids that say "I am Beautiful".

**Safe Homes** - in the directory an asterisk is placed by your name, if the parents agree to various actions, such as no unsupervised kid parties, drinking, etc.

**The Partnership for a Drug Free NJ** - Dennis Lobaina presenter

Presentation - 15 Minute Child Break

The course started off by all parents taking a short quiz. The presentation lasted about one hour.