

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PTSO

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

PTSO Executive Board Attendees

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Other Attendees: Sheronda Martin, Class of 2027 VP., Kelley Guerrero, Class of 2030 VP., Nick DiMeglio, BOE member

Welcome- Meeting began at 7:03pm

Minutes – Wendy motions to approve January meeting minutes. Natisha seconded.



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President's Report - Deborah Parillo and Wendy Riga –

- **Membership Drive:** The general membership drive closed on January 31. A small additional drive for school staff was held with incentives from Mrs. Miles, and Deb and Wendy visited teachers during lunch to thank them and encourage participation. The full membership report will be presented later in the agenda.
- **Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser Recap:** The joint Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser for Project Graduation and the PTSO was a great success despite extremely cold weather. Attendance included administrators, Board of Education members, teachers, staff, families, and student volunteers. The event included bingo, music, dancing, cake, and a basket auction. Funds raised will be split between Project Graduation and the PTSO general fund, with final financial details to be reported at the next meeting.
- **Support for School Programs:** The PTSO continues to support the RTS Road to Success Alternative Program. A thank-you letter from Nikki Tatum was shared, noting that donated gift cards were used to reward student achievements, attendance, and birthdays. The PTSO also supported the SAC department's Young Men's Youth Retreat Luncheon.
- **February Student Treats Day:** A Student Treats Day was scheduled for the following day, where students would receive a complimentary sweet treat during lunch. Nut-free options were available.

BOE member- Nick DiMeglio-

- Project Graduation Clothing Drive: Saturday, February 21, 2026 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Franklin Warrior Foundation Gala: Thursday evening at the Board of Education building
- Superintendent Search: Ongoing; the New Jersey School Boards Association consulting firm is managing the process. A community survey is available on the district website.
- Preliminary Budget Presentation: March 16
- Public Hearing & Budget Adoption: April 27
- Facility Referendum: The district is exploring a September referendum to fund facility upgrades not covered by the general budget.
- Recognition: Nick commended the PTSO committee & Project Graf for the exceptional execution of the Designer Bag Bingo event and acknowledged the significant effort involved

Question: Jonathan asked how parents could get involved with search; a parent survey will be sent out.

Communications – Lisa Budesheim and Eusebio Pires –

Nothing new to report. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page. The page will be updated with meeting updates.

Membership Report- Nathisha Washington - The membership drive ended on January 31st. A total of 103 parents and 4 staff members joined, for a total of 149 members, which is a slight decrease from last



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year. Deb will continue encouraging membership support, and the membership drive for next year will open in June.

Student Liaisons- Emma was not present and Lisa said Emma had no updates. Peyton was not present also had no updates; Jonathan Peytons Dad mentioned the potential for a Junior Prom next school year.

Treasurer's Report – Crystal Charles and Danielle Keens - Danielle shared the budget. Danielle will share report for Designer Bag Bingo at next meeting.

Board of Education Update – Deb mention Leslie was not on call and Nick gave updates.

Fundraising Report – Sue Lyons – mentioned possible fund raiser Step on Horizon still working on details-nothing new to report

Teacher and Staff Information- Arohi Madura – not present Deb shared a message on her behalf of Ms. Kea.

Special Presentation- Sheronda Martin

Honor Assembly

- Date: February 26
- Speaker: Anthony N. Vaugh Jr., Litigation Attorney

Book Signing – Matthew Rodriguez

- Date: February 27, 4:00–7:00 PM
- Location: FHS Library
- Please email Ms. Martin if you would like to attend.

Girls' Night Out

- Date: March 26, 5:30–9:00 PM
- Location: FHS
- Action: Lisa will request flyers be emailed to her so she can post them on the Facebook page.

Question: Jonathan's Question: Have students been asking about ICE activity in the area?

Ms. Martin forwarded the question to Ms. Miles. Ms. Miles explained the established protocol.

Teacher and Staff Information- Arohi Madura – Deb gave Arohi's message from Ms. Key/ No staff updates reminded to share flyers be emailed to Lisa to share on Facebook.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Miles –

- Mrs. Miles thanked Ms. Martin.
- Grade-level assemblies were held last week. Photos are posted on the IG page.



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- **Cafeteria Lockdown Tabletop Drill:** 2/17 today there was a lockdown in the cafeteria as part of a tabletop drill for an active shooter scenario. Black History Month assemblies started today and will continue 2/18.

Question: Gurwitza asked can lockdown info be shared for families with absent students; Mrs. Miles said lockdown info cannot be shared for safety reasons.

- **Black History Month Assemblies:** 2/17 & 2/18
- **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony:** 2/19 at 6 PM
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** 2/24 from 2–7 PM
- **Ramadan Gratitude Event:** 2/24 at 5 PM (registration required)
- **Executive Warriors – Stevens College Tour:** 2/25
- **Spring Sports Interest Meetings:** 2/25
- **MP2 Honor Roll Assembly:** 2/26 (students only)
- **M. Rodriguez Book Signing:** 2/27 from 4–7 PM
- **Lincoln Tech College Tour:** 3/2- Contact Ms. Guerrero
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences:** 3/5 & 3/6 (Minimum Session Days)
- **Spring Musical – *In The Heights*:**
 - 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8
 - 3/13, 3/14, 3/15
- **NJGPA Assessment (Juniors):** 3/16–3/19
- **January Conduct comparison**
- **There is a vape box drop off box**

Question: Jonathan asked what type of intervention happens with kids who are cutting class? What about repeat offenders? Does the school attempt to inquire the reason repeat offenders are cutting? Ms. Guerrero explained that the process in place and disciplinary actions that are taken for students who cut class.

Question: Brittney Moore asked if registration required for spring sports?
Yes, Form leaf was posted in chat.

Nick commented that 2 board members will attend Honor roll assembly on Thursday

Question: Wendy asked about repair for potholes in parking lot

Answer: Ms. Miles said they will start repairs once winter is over.

Mrs. Miles reminded everyone student drop off is in rear of building not in LOT A is only for special needs is causes safety issues.



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Question: Natisha asked for stop sign to be replaced by band door.

Answer: Mrs. Miles said they will start repairs once winter is over.

Arohi joined: shared a QR code flyer in the chat for the Community Job Fair organized by Ms. Kea on 3/12 and asked members to help advertise and suggest local businesses that may want to participate. Wendy asked Arohi about the teacher membership drive survey. Arohi will create the survey and send a message to teachers next Sunday blast.

Ms. Guerrero reminded everyone for students interested in college tours to visit Room C306. Upcoming tours include Lincoln Tech (3/2) and Montclair State University at the end of March, open to all grades.

Question: Chitra asked about summer opportunities. Mrs. Miles explained the school does not offer summer courses, except extended school days for students with IEPs. Students should speak with their school counselor for information on courses or volunteer opportunities.

Next PTO meeting 3/17 at 7pm

Adjournment at 7:53pm