

Franklin-Randall PTO
Tuesday January 10, 2012
Randall Elementary School
PTO General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Attendees:

Welcome. Suzanne Swift called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Announcements

The following topics have been set for the remaining 2012 PTO meetings: February 7th, What's Special about Specials; March 13th, What's happening at the MMSD central level; April 17th, Programs for kids with special needs; May 8th, Keeping Kids Safe. The PTO board meeting will directly follow tonight's meeting and is open to everyone.

The Winter Carnival is scheduled for Saturday February 11th. A volunteer sign up is available on the school website www.franklinrandallpto.org/

Super Science Saturday is set for March 10th.

Principal Updates

Britta Hanson – Franklin staff are trying to improve the morning transition from the playground to the classroom. The morning bell will ring at a variety of earlier times this week to find out what works best. The goal is to provide children enough time to hang up their gear and get seated and ready for school by the scheduled start time of 7:45 am. Families will be informed when a new routine is finalized.

Franklin staff are adding game instruction while supervising recesses.

The Franklin front door security system will be functional by Tuesday January 17th.

These doors are unlocked until 8 am everyday. After that time, please ring the buzzer for admittance.

Bettine Lipman, the TAG coordinator, has arranged two new clubs. Franklin chess club will run on Tuesdays at lunchtime. A novel writing group will run at Randall, and needs volunteers.

The IR instructor, Brienne Carlson, is asking for volunteers in the bookroom.

John Wallace – Randall does not have an official policy in place for wearing coats out at recess time. The general message is that coats should be worn when the weather is cold. "AfterMath", an after school math group is starting at Randall. The goal of this new group is the help kids solidify their math facts through the use of a computer program that is fun and engaging. This technology is a pilot program right now and may be purchased in the future.

Randall is exploring the idea of a school yearbook. More information later.

Phase Three of the Olive Jones park/playground renovation is ambitiously slated to begin this summer, 2012. Discussions are underway with MMSD and the City of Madison.

Student Council voted for a Pajama Day. It was a fun, relaxing, and successful event.

Special Topic

Healthy Eating for Kids. Claire Troutman, Dietetic intern, UW Hospital
Please see the PTO website for the slide presentation.

News About Hot Lunch. Steve Youngbauer, MMSD Food Service Director
Mr. Youngbauer has spent his first year as the food service director listening to the needs of the community, observing current practices, introducing a few changes and charting the outcomes. He sees an opportunity in the district to introduce some new menu items, improve customer services, and improve communication. Chocolate milk has been eliminated from the breakfast at the elementary and middle school menus. Sugar cereal options have been reduced, and a dual choice program is being piloted at several schools, including Franklin and Randall. Green improvements are underway including: a decrease in foil tray and cold pack garbage, an increase in use of recyclable packaging options, and possible increased on-site food preparation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Moran on January 14, 2012.