

Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting 4/8/14 Minutes – DRAFT

Board Members Present: Dawn Gebler, Dan Julie, Noelle LoConte, Jinger Schroeder, Beth O’Callaghan, Soraya Willems-Neal, Donna Wong, Cindy Schlichte, Elizabeth Kerwin

Others Present: Kim Anacker

Administrators present: John Wallace, Britta Hanson

1. **Call to Order** 7:42 pm
2. **February and March minutes** approved as submitted
3. **Financial update** (Dan) – Carnival expenses are in now. We made more money, but the expenses were higher as well. Net \$2,570 profit. Expenses are coming in. Babysitting expenses have been higher than anticipated. There was some discussion about ad hoc funding requests.
4. **PTO Board Nominations Update** – Nominations are still being accepted!
 - President - Unfilled
 - Vice-President - Unfilled
 - Treasurer – Dan Julie
 - Secretary – Noelle LoConte
 - At Large – Elizabeth Kerwin, Kelly Hamilton, Kim Anacker, Donna Wong
 - Volunteer Coordinator – Melissa Hornung
 - Fundraising Coordinator – maybe Beth O’Callaghan
5. **School Supply Purchasing Program** – (Donna Wong) The pilot year will be going ahead. The coordinators have met with the teacher liaisons and are getting grade level based lists. Kits will be bought by individual families rather than by grade or total classroom. Orders will need to be placed in May. Will only be credit cards online to Staples this year in our pilot year. There will be an option to donate kits.
6. **Discussion: PTO 2014-15 Budget** – Continuation of the discussion from last month’s discussion: There is a discussion about restructuring PTO budget to give discretionary allocations per grade levels. Teachers reported some concerns about not being able to access the funds in an easy or consistent way. This grade level support would come from the parking money. About \$1,000 per grade level, split among instructional teams and the money is suggested to be aligned with the school improvement plans. Final motion and vote to be held during the summer board meeting.
7. **Afterschool update** – (Beth) The presidents got an email about “scratch clubs” at

Randall (among other sites) for fourth and fifth graders. The UW professor asked for a teacher to be paid to supervise the children, while the professor's students taught the programming class. She suggested a rate for the teacher or staff member of \$50-100/teacher for 1 hour per week x 12 hours. There is no transportation provided. In general the board was discussed that the FRPTO does not currently have the systems (or capacity) to sustain and manage an after school enrichment activity program. We are able to help recruit volunteer parents to assist, but we don't have systems in place to manage marketing, recruitment, enrollment or hiring staff. Beth will follow up with the UW professor.

8. **60 second updates:**

- a. Foreign Language Program – Elizabeth is exploring all the options for PTO sponsorship of FLP.
- b. Upcoming PTO events – UW Spring Game (4/12), Franklin Movie Night (4/25), Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheons (Franklin 5/8, Randall 5/12), May 13 PTO meeting – Classroom Placements, June Budget meeting – Vote on budget allocation will happen here, date TBD.

9. **Updates:** International dinner – We did run busses but nobody used them. Attendance was much lower than years past. It may have been because of the Badger game that night. The committee was asking for a budget increase to \$700.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Noelle LoConte, PTO Secretary