

## **Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting 2/10/15 Minutes – DRAFT**

**Board Members Present:** *Dan Julie, Noelle LoConte, Kelly Hamilton, Beth O'Callaghan, Soraya Willems-Neal, Melissa Hornung, Kim Anacker, Julie Gadau*

**Guest:** *Kathi Seiden-Thomas*

**Administrators present:** *Britta Hanson, John Wallace*

1. Call to order 7:36 pm
2. January Minutes we approved as submitted.
3. Financial Update (Dan) – Much of the budgeted funds have not been spent. We reviewed items and principals will discuss with their staff spending planned funding.
4. Discussion: PTO Nominations Committee (Soraya/Beth) – Committee is forming. Chair is identified and more members are needed. Would be about 10 hr of commitment to form a slate of nominees to be voted on at May meeting.
5. Update: PEG (Parent Empowerment Group) funding (Soraya/Beth) – Structured payments to the Hmong and Latino group to pay for translation services and coordination are being formalized. The African-American PEG is likely to be reformed, but was dissolved for now. When that is formed, that PEG will also get structured payments.
6. Discussion: Franklin Playground (Britta) –When we added the playground equipment last year, part of the larger vision was to add in some green space. Britta has not moved forward on it because she is concerned about the green space turning into a mud. Other schools that have green space generally are fenced in. The district will remove the blacktop, and total cost will be \$11-15,000. Unclear if fencing will work at Franklin due to some existing fencing in place. Some discussion about MSCR maybe using the fields. The Health and Wellness committee will be helping with this.
7. Discussion: Substitute teacher funding (Principals and whole board) - Discussion about PTO paying for subs on the days when teachers are doing professional development and time to work on our school improvement plans. Cost of a sub is about \$105-\$110/day. Britta felt that this could be used for instructional teams to meet. Could be based around School Improvement Plans. Discussion to define and set aside some monies for professional development funds. Could set aside a reserve fund for this year and a set budget line item for next year. Beth and Soraya will bring a sample motion at the next meeting.
8. 60 second updates:
  - a. Bylaws Discussion will be tabled until March, 2015.
  - b. Glo-Ball Wrap Up – Glo-Ball was a huge success with a near quadrupling of the income. Board supports continuing to hold the dance in January.
  - c. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Committee update – met again in early Feb and have scheduled some YWCA inclusivity trainings for facilitators in March.

- d. Health and Wellness Cmte update – Great first meeting took place. They are meeting again in March.
- e. Kinder playdates cmte update – playdates will move forward again this year.
- f. PTO website volunteer – Melissa and Donna will help to update and refresh the webpage
- g. MMSD facilities referendum presentation is 6:30 to 7:30 pm on 2/17 at Randall library, it will be open to the public
- h. Winter carnival is 11a-2p on 2/21
- i. Super Science Saturday is 9a-12p, 4/11
- j. International Dinner date TBD but will be in the Spring
- k. Randall Staff Appreciation Luncheon 5/11
- l. Franklin Staff Appreciation Luncheon 5/18
- m. Lead volunteer openings: grants committee chairperson, Franklin movie night co-leader

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Noelle LoConte, PTO Secretary