

Franklin-Randall PTO Membership Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2105 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Elementary School Library Media Center

1. Welcome from Colleen Johnson, PTO President, and Introductions
2. What and Who is PTO?
 - a. The Franklin-Randall PTO is open to all families, staff and members of the F-R school community. It helps families get engaged, involved, and in-touch with what is happening at school. Each year the PTO supports a wide range of events and projects including, information sessions, field trips, a grants program, out-of-school educational and social opportunities, and equipment and supply purchases.
3. What does the PTO do?
 - a. Fundraising - Our annual fundraiser will kick-off later this fall. We also host a parking fundraiser in the fall on Badger Football Saturdays at the Randall playground. For more information please contact Kyle Wallace, kyleawallace@gmail.com
 - b. Community Building and Events are held throughout the school year and include Movie Nights, the Winter Dance, Carnival, Marvelous Math Morning, Super Science Saturday, and the International Dinner. More information will be available before each event.
 - c. PTO Membership and Business are held monthly throughout the school year. All are welcome to attend. Food will be available starting at 5:30. For a list of upcoming meetings and topics please visit http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/FR_PTOMeetingSchedule_v2.pdf
 - d. Communications - We use our Friday newsletter, the PTO listserv and the Franklin-Randall Facebook page to communicate about PTO-related topics, events and issues
 - e. Grants Program - PTO grants are meant to fund programs, projects and materials that enhance Franklin and Randall schools make a difference to our school community. Grant applications are due on October 7, 2015. For more information please contact Derek Gebler, derekgebler@gmail.com <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/grants/>
 - f. We are still seek volunteers for the Fundraising Committee, Parking on Football Saturdays and to be a part of our team of Newsletter Editors. Please contact Amy Coad, abcoad@hotmail.com, our PTO volunteer coordinator for more information <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/volunteering/>
 - g. Parent Empowerment Groups - The PTO supports three parent empowerment groups: Hmong, Latino and African American. These groups provide families with a venue to connect with the school community and gain information related to school, and to form connections with each other and the school staff. The groups also serve as a forum to educate and share information that empowers parents to be active and well informed. For more information please contact:

- i. African-American PEG Representative: Laurie Robertson, laurierobertson@me.com
 - ii. Latino PEG Representative: Ellen Boyle, enosek@madison.k12.wi.us or Yvonne Wullschleger, ywullschlege@madison.k12.wi.us
 - iii. Hmong PEG Representative: Tonya Rasmussen, trasmussen@madison.k12.wi.us
 - h. Equity and Inclusion Committee - This committee formed recently and is focusing on ways to include more families in school, celebrate diversity, and promote racial equity in our schools. <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/equity-and-inclusion/>
 - i. Health and Wellness Committee - This committee was formed last year to support the physical and emotional health of all Franklin and Randall students, families and staff. For more information please contact Kathi Seiden-Thomas, seidenthomas@gmail.com, or Cindy Lovell, Franklin-Randall School Nurse, clovell@madison.k12.wi.us <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/health-and-wellness-committee/>
 - j. Technology Committee - This is a new committee that is collaborating with staff to investigate opportunities to bring technology into the classroom. For more information please contact Lindsay Feitlinger, lindsay.f.feitlinger@gmail.com, or Sara Campbell, sleifheit1@gmail.com
- 4. Updates from last PTO Board meetings - The Board met several times this summer. We are happy to offer a new \$7000 line item to the budget to fund substitutes for F-R staff interested in a “day away” that focuses on collaboration, best practices or is aligned with each school’s SIP. The Board plans on brainstorming more fundraising opportunities so this is sustainable annually. Also we would like to get input from the F-R community on how to spend some of the PTO reserves, “capital fund.”
- 5. Questions and Suggestions from Members
 - a. Has splitting up the grant cycle ever been considered? Currently the grant cycle is offered only in the fall due to volunteer capacity. What about time-sensitive opportunities or requests outside the funding cycle?
 - b. What is SIP (School Improvement Plan)? Discussed below.
 - c. Has F-R PTO ever hosted an “All-Parent Fundraiser”? There is interest in exploring ways for adults to socialize.
 - d. Explain the difference between Curriculum Night vs. Open House. An Open House will be held at Franklin on October 6, 2015. This will be an opportunity for the children to show their families around the school. Food carts are planned to be available with a portion of the proceeds donated to the school. A survey is planned to get input on an open-house event vs. a typical curriculum night. Randall hosted an Open House in August before school started.
- 6. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Updates from Principal Wallace (Randall) and Principal Zarov (Franklin)
 - a. The framework of a SIP is based around the following questions:
 - i. What do we want the students to learn?

- ii. How will we know if they've learned it?
- iii. What will we do if they have not learned it?
- iv. What will we do if they've already learned it?

Common assessments are used to measure this. The goal is that 75-85% of the student population will "get it." Each school has a School Based Leadership Team (SBLT) that meets monthly to examine student achievement and core instruction and reflect on the common goals. Teachers also receive coaching to examine what they need to help impact student achievement. Also important are joyful learning and student engagement.

Resources:

Franklin School Improvement Plan
(English)

<https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/files/sip-14-15/franklin-english-family-friendly-sip-2014-15.pdf>

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