

## **Franklin-Randall PTO Membership Meeting Agenda**

October 13, 2105 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting held in Franklin Elementary School Library Media Center

*Pizza and salad available for families (kids included) starting at 5:30 in the Gym*

*Childcare available during meeting in the Gym*

1. Welcome – from Colleen Johnson
2. Announcements and Updates from September 8 Board meeting: Colleen Johnson shared that the key discussion item from September meeting was review and approval of this year's PTO Budget which is available for review here:  
<http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/finances/>
3. School updates from Principal Zarov and Principal Wallace
4. Specials Update Presentations. Introductions by PTO Board members Beth O'Callaghan and Soraya Willems-Neal
  - a. Music @ Franklin - Megan Moran presented. Children are currently focusing on learning the Franklin school songs. They all will have the opportunity to use rhythm and mallet instruments. Concerts are performed by grade level in the spring. Arts integration is a focus at Franklin this year.
  - b. REACH @ Franklin - Paula Devroy presented. Students participate in REACH for one hour a week. REACH looks different in different MMSD schools. At Franklin, REACH follows the grade-level standards and SIP goals. In Kindergarten it is organized around themes (sometimes science-based) and students are given the opportunity to work at different centers and a focus is experiential learning. Guests are welcome to visit and present.
  - c. Gym @ Franklin - Moses Prasad presented. Physical education covers skills important in different sports (throwing, catching, kicking, using a racquet) as well as a health/nutrition unit. Skills are taught mainly through individual and small-group activities. The gymnastics equipment will be returning to Franklin second semester. Proper footwear (gym shoes) is important.
  - d. Art @ Randall - Kati Walsh presented. Third grade focuses on local artists and the Madison community. Fourth grade learns about Wisconsin art and history. Fifth grade focuses on US history and artists. Builds on classroom curriculum (especially social studies). Field trips to a local art gallery are planned (MMoCA, Chazen).
  - e. Music @ Randall - Beth Kiser presented. Opera for the Young visited Randall and gave students an opportunity to perform for their classmates. Guest artists work with students during the year. Randall students will be involved in the Link Up program (a partnership between Carnegie Hall and Madison Symphony Orchestra) <http://www.madisonsymphony.org/linkup> Parents are welcome to visit the classroom.
5. Discussion

- a. **Any Given Child** is an initiative through the Kennedy Center that focuses on equity and arts integration in the classroom. Madison is one of the selected cities. <http://www.anygivenchildmadison.org/>
  - b. **MMSD Standards for Music and Visual Arts.** <https://finearts.madison.k12.wi.us/standards>
  - c. Save the dates:
    - i. Spring Concerts at Franklin - (half day in spring)
    - ii. Randall Gallery Night - April 8, 2016
1. Adjourned at 7:20pm
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