

Franklin-Randall PTO Membership Meeting Agenda

December 8, 2105 6:00 – 7:20 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 LMC Childcare available during meeting in the Gym beginning at 5:45

1. Welcome, Announcements and Updates from November 10th Board meeting – Colleen Johnson
 - Superintendent’s parent advisory group – Superintendent Cheatham has been meeting monthly with a group of parent representatives from every school to get their feedback on major initiatives and strategies for engagement. Kathi Seiden-Thomas, Soraya Willems-Neal and Paul O’Flanagan are our F-R representatives this year.
 - Marvelous Math morning was a great success. Approximately 200 people attended. The volunteer organizers and school staff are exploring the idea of holding a similar event during the school day so all students can access it.
 - Equity and Inclusion Committee – The next meeting is January 5th, from 5:30-7. The focus this year is on promoting classroom community. Tools are being developed to support this goal. The principals have met with the committee to provide input.
 - Health and Wellness Committee and Franklin Play Yard– Student movement stations (including both energizing and calming activities) are being put up in both schools. The group is looking for more volunteers. The Play yard group is focusing on improvements for Franklin’s outdoor space. Two partnerships have been established to provide support: Vandewalle and Associates and UW Landscape Architecture students.
 - The Technology Committee is exploring funding opportunities to provide Franklin with “presentation stations” and Randall with more Chromebooks.
 - A plan is being developed to implement a “Capital Fund Policy” which would fund larger projects that would not be funded through the traditional grant cycle.
2. School updates from Principal Zarov and Principal Wallace
 - Franklin families were surveyed about fall conferences and the feedback received indicated a desire for longer conferences. Others trends are still being looked at. Franklin participated in the Second Harvest Food Drive and did an amazing job by collecting 582 pounds of food and \$370 and were recognized by NBC 15 as a top 5 school in Dane County. Franklin celebrated Pajama Day recently as a reward for school culture and climate. Stuart Stotts, an educator and storyteller, has presented to students and will hold a workshop for teachers as a part of the Arts Integration curriculum at Franklin. Staff has been able to participate in professional development opportunities including PBS, mindfulness, and Love & Logic.

- Randall teachers have also had the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities. Teacher teams have been able to meet by grade level and examine student data. Conferences were held in November. Randall students enjoyed a Hmong presentation.

3. Presentation on role of school social worker, Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) program, and suggestions for parents to support children's social/emotional learning – Mandy Harvey, Franklin Social Worker

Information will be available on the F-R website soon

4. Presentation on mindfulness for parents and children- Jamie Pekarek Krohn and Sara Parrell

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5. Adjourned at 7:20pm

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