

Franklin–Randall PTO Membership Meeting Agenda

January 12, 2016 6:00 – 7:20 p.m.

Membership Meeting held in Randall 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 Cafetorium beginning at 5:45

1. Welcome, Announcements and Updates from December 8th Board meeting – Colleen Johnson.
 - The Glo-Ball will take place at Franklin on Saturday January 23rd, from 6-8pm. Volunteers are still needed.
 - The Fall Fundraising campaign was a success. It met its goal of \$17,500.
 - The Board is developing a Capital Fund policy and also guidelines for Off-budget funding requests.
 - The Hmong PEG will be offering a cooking demonstration to the F-R community this spring. Date is to be determined.
 - The Technology committee is looking at priority needs at both schools and hoping to provide some funding.
 - The Equity and Inclusion committee is recruiting Classroom Community Builders. Training will be provided.
 - The Health and Wellness committee has developed a short survey for families to provide their input on health and wellness concerns and priorities. www.surveymonkey.com/r/frhealthandwellness
 - The Franklin Schoolyard Redesign Planning Group is looking for community members who are interested in providing input on possible improvements to the Franklin playground. The next meeting will be Thursday January 28th, 8:00am.
 - The MMSD Advisory Committee is focusing on parent and family engagement, revamping elementary school report cards to better reflect the standards and revising school SIPs (school improvement plans).

2. School updates from Principal Zarov and Principal Wallace
 - Randall recently had their school spelling bee and hosted representatives from Wright and Hamilton for middle school visits for the 5th graders. There are “Raccoon reminders” on the clocks as a way of reminding students to use their time wisely in order to meet the goal of 80% proficiency. Renovations to Randall will be occurring in the summer months. There will be a brief construction update with MMSD Building Services Staff on Tuesday, January 26 from 5:30-6:30 in the Randall LMC.

- Franklin has been “adopted” by M3 Insurance through the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools “Adpot-a-School” program. Two Franklin teachers have been accepted to the “Breathe for Change” program which aims to improve the health and well-being of teachers, students and school communities through yoga and mindfulness practices. New winter gear has been donated by Lands’ End. On the February 5th inservice day, Stuart Stotts will be presenting on integrating writing and storytelling. Another PBS celebration is coming as well as a visit to Franklin from Dr. Cheatham.
3. School Board Update presentation and discussion with PTO – James Howard: Board President and Seat 4 Representative. Current issues that the Board is focusing on are listed and briefly discussed below. President Howard emphasized that the School Board welcomes questions and/or concerns from the community. Please send them to board@madison.k12.wi.us. Get involved! Go to Board of Education meetings or watch the live stream, visit the archives, send your questions and concerns to Board members. The meetings are generally held on Monday nights. There will be several Board vacancies in the next few years.
- A goal across the district is that all students are reading by the 3rd grade. Also the district examining the middle school math curriculum so more students are successful in 9th grade algebra.
 - The Behavior Education Plan continues to be improved.
 - Budget- the process has started. There are opportunities for public comment at the Board Meetings.
 - Family and community engagement will be the focus of the 2016-17 school year
 - Technology-access and develop skills. A 6-year plan is in motion.
 - Report cards- goal is to develop a more informative report card
 - MAP testing
 - Construction updates- Construction is underway (though at different stages) throughout the district.
 - Parent Advocacy- explained the difference between PTA/PTO. With PTA membership there is a dues structure but it includes advocacy at the national level. The current trend is fewer PTAs across the nation resulting in a decline in education advocacy.
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