

Franklin-Randall PTO Membership Meeting Minutes

February 9, 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 Art room beginning at 5:45

1. Welcome, Announcements and Updates from January 12th board and membership meetings – Colleen Johnson
 - The Fall Fundraiser achieved its goal of \$17,500. The PTO is seeking an affordable bookkeeper to help streamline its finances.
 - The Spring Rummage Sale will be a new fundraiser this year. It will be held Saturday, May 7th. Please save your items to donate to the sale.
 - The PTO approved submitted grants at the January Board meeting. The submitted requests (\$26,000) exceeded the total grant money available (\$8600), so most grants were partially funded. Almost all of the requests were from teachers which demonstrates a growing need for PTO funds to support our schools.
 - The Board has been focusing on new financial policies. Three resolutions will be up for approval tonight:
 1. Cash Flow and Capital Fund
 2. Off-Budget Funding Requests
 3. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Budget

The documents are available on the F-R PTO website in the “Current Financial Documents” section. <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/finances/>

- The Schoolyard Planning Group will be hosting a “Franklin Schoolyard Design Workshop” on Tuesday, February 16th in the Franklin LMC. Dinner will be provided from 5:30-6pm, the meeting will run from 6-7pm. Come and share your ideas regarding the re-design of the Franklin schoolyard.
- James Howard, President of the Madison Board of Education, spoke at the January PTO meeting. Minutes from that meeting are available on the PTO website.
- The Equity and Inclusion Committee is still looking for Classroom Community Builders. Training will be provided.

- The Franklin-Randall Carnival will be held at Randall on Saturday, February 27th from 11:30-3:00. Please consider volunteering for a shift at this event.
- If you are interested in serving on the PTO Board next year please contact Colleen Johnson or any current Board member. Open positions will be posted in March. Elections for the 2016-17 school year will take place in May.
- The March 1st PTO membership meeting will be hosted by the Equity and Inclusion Committee and include a speaker who will focus on how to have conversations about race with young children.

2. School updates from Principal Zarov and Principal Wallace

- Franklin celebrated its 100th day of school. Stuart Stotts presented during the Feb. 5th teacher inservice. He led a “Heroes Journey” workshop that focused on integrating storytelling and writing. UW Landscape Architecture students are coming up with a number of different re-designs for the Franklin play yard. They will be hosting listening sessions with the Franklin students to get their ideas on how they currently use the space. The band The Cash Box Kings performed at Franklin for an all school celebration. A Read-a-thon (tied to the Mallards Reading program) will be held on March 2nd. Franklin’s new Adopt-a-School partner (M3 Insurance) will be participating. Opera for the Young, The Magic Flute, will visit Franklin on February 16th. The Chess Club, offered to second graders during lunch, will be starting soon. The Health & Wellness Committee has posted movement stations throughout the school. Several classrooms are piloting this project.
- Stuart Stotts also visited Randall and spoke to the teachers about arts integration. Yonim, an Israeli Folk dance troupe, visited Randall in February. Classrooms have had recent field trips to Olbrich and the Overture Center. REAP Food Group is partnering with F-R to offer weekly fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetable snacks to the classrooms. Teachers have been able to perform “data digs” to examine student data and also plan and collaborate across classrooms. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on March 8th.

3. Presentations and discussion with Tim Peterson, Director of Assessment, MMSD

- A link to the presentation is available on the F-R PTO website

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