

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

March 1, 2016 6:00 – 7:30 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*

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1. Welcome, Announcements and Updates from February 9th board and membership meetings – Colleen Johnson

- The Carnival was a success.
- Teacher Appreciation event will be held on Tuesday, March 8th (Randall) and Monday, May 9th (Franklin). Please consider volunteering.
- Some of the preliminary Franklin Play yard re-designs, developed by UW Landscape Architecture students, will be displayed in the Franklin hallways during Parent-Teacher conferences. Come and take a look!
- The Health & Wellness Committee gathered input on priority areas from approximately 150 Franklin-Randall families.
- A Spring Rummage Sale fundraiser will take place on Saturday April 16, in conjunction with the West High School PTO. It will be located at West. Please save your items to donate.
- Three new financial policies were passed by the PTO at the February meeting: Cash Flow and Capital Fund, Off-Budget Funding Requests, 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/>
- Information from the February PTO meeting on Testing and Assessment is also available on the F-R PTO website. <http://www.franklinrandallpto.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Assessment-in-MMSD-for-PTO-vFeb-9.pdf>

2. School updates from Principal Zarov and Principal Wallace

- Randall - Randall students have recently enjoyed field trips to the Overture Center, Olbrich Gardens and ice skating at the UW Shell. Teachers have been doing “Data digs” in grade level teams to examine student data and identify focus areas and next steps. Randall students will be leading their individual Parent-Teacher conferences this year. Staff allocations appear to be stable for next school year.
- Franklin- The Opera for the Young (“The Magic Flute”) recently came to Franklin and 2nd graders were able to participate. Franklin students have enjoyed bowling field trips (K) and a visit to the Overture Center (2). The Franklin Book Fair takes place March 7-March 9, with

Parent-Teacher conferences happening on March 8th. Play yard designs will be on display during this time. Both Franklin and Randall staff was able to attend a Leadership Conference (National Equity Project) and make connections and discuss the transition between the two schools. The Read-a-thon is happening on March 9th, with volunteers from M3, local firefighters and police officers and family members. Spirit Week will take place the week before spring break.

3. Updates from the Equity and Inclusion committee and Classroom Community Builders initiative (Sasha Kerlow and Aimee Hasensfus, committee co-chairs)

- The “Community Builder” pilot program will kick off this spring with community-building events focused around individual classrooms. The goal is to reach out to ALL families to join in a fun social event such as a potluck picnic at a park or playground.

4. Presentation on helping children understand racial identity, racism, and racial inequalities: Dr. Erin Winkler, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Africology at UW Milwaukee

- Dr. Winkler’s presentation will be posted on the F-R PTO website.

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