

Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting

May 10, 2016 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

Board Members present: Sara Campbell, Colleen Johnson, Lindsay Feitlinger, Ellen Boyle, Lisa Geraghty, Berta Strigel, Amy Coad, Megan Spicer, Adam Hirsch

Absent: Chris Rich, Erin McMillian

Administration present: Sylla Zarov, John Wallace

1. Introductions of new board members were made. 2016/2017 goals were discussed:
 - A) Colleen: excited to support the work of the many volunteers across the school community like the playground and health and wellness committee and the equity committee.
 - B) John: Enjoyed the teamwork of last years board and feels this year's board will be a great team as well so looking forward to that.
 - C) Adam: Looking forward to see the challenges/needs of the PTO as a new board member.
 - D) Sara/Lindsay: fundraising for the new playground.
 - E) Megan/Berta/Lisa: Learning more about the schools and feeling a part of the community since they cannot be at school during the day.
2. The motion to approve April meeting minutes: Deferred until the next meeting for the new board members to be able to review for vote.
3. A fundraising update was given by Lindsay.
 - A) The resale was a success and raised \$1500.00 for the PTO. We are considering doing the resale again next year.
4. Colleen, on behalf of Chris, gave the treasurer's update. The year end review of PTO budget profit and loss balance sheet was gone through and discussed.
 - A) The \$7000.00 pilot program to fund substitute teachers for 2015/2016 was discussed. In order for this to become a budget line item we will need to do additional fundraising as currently it puts the budget into a net negative position. Support for the initiative was voiced by Sylla, John, and Ellen. More will be decided on this topic at the June budget meeting.
 - B) The board will meet in June to discuss the best plan of action for the upcoming 2016/2017 PTO budget, including whether to outsource the bookkeeping portion of the treasurer position. Look for a doodle poll on potential June dates.
5. We moved to the PEG committee update from Ellen Boyle.
 - A) The Hmong Spring roll fundraiser night held at Bayview was a success. There is hope to repeat this fundraiser next year.
 - B) Children's Day celebration was discussed. Randall debuted a week on Children's Day this year with daily education and a mariachi band performance. The Latino peg group hosted their own Children's Day celebration as well.

- C) The end of the year picnic for the Latino Peg group will be held Thursday, May 26, at Vilas Park shelter.
 - D) Ellen provided a brief overview of the last 15 years of PEG history.
 - E) Colleen have an update of the recently held international dinner. It was a success with a Capoeira dance group able to fill in last minute as the entertainment.
6. Colleen put out a call for volunteers for various jobs for the 2016/2017 school year.
- A) A volunteer is needed for the final sign off on the weekly newsletter.
 - B) Volunteers are needed for the back to school events such as Animal Crackers on the Playground at Franklin and Popcorn on the Playground at Randall.
 - a) Sylla is not sure of the status of the buildings and grounds for the back to school events at Franklin due to upcoming construction plans not being finalized. This will have to be assessed before any planning can be made.
 - C) Sylla called for volunteers to represent the PTO at the upcoming 3 sessions of the kindergarten orientation meetings this Monday.
 - D) A sign up for all volunteer positions will be sent out soon to the board and school community.
7. Closing comments: There was a discussion raised by Amy of a possible “fun run” for fundraising purposes for the 2016/2017 school year. It was also mentioned by John that our previous fundraising mechanism was just one direct ask per year and if that were going to change it should be made transparent. Colleen added that her understanding was that the agreement had to do with not asking families to sell candy, wrapping paper, etc-but that other fundraising was ok, especially if there was a community building aspect to them and especially if it was a targeted fundraiser, like the playground. Lindsay suggested changing the meeting structure for next year. These topics to be discussed at future meetings.
8. Adjourned 8:34 pm.

Submitted by Sara Campbell