

Franklin-Randall PTO  
Budget Board Meeting  
July 7, 2016 7:00-8:30 pm  
1814 Adams Street

Administration Present: John Wallace, Sylla Zarov  
Board members present: Sara Campbell, Amy Coad, Colleen Johnson, Megan Spicer, Berta Strigel, Lindsay Feitlinger, Lisa Geraghty, Adam Hirsch  
Absent: Chris Rich, Erin McMillan

- I. Motion to approve April and May meeting minutes was requested by Sara Campbell. Seconded by Lindsay and Adam. Meeting minutes approved.
  
- II. Principal updates:
  - A. John Wallace
    - a) It was discussed that there are 2 job openings at Randall for the upcoming school year. They are postponing their decisions in order to choose the best candidates.
    - b) A new positive behavioral support person, Saycha Basken, will be shared between Franklin and Randall.
    - c) He is looking forward to working with Sylla on streamlining the 4k-5<sup>th</sup> grade experience between the 2 schools to provide a more unified experience.
  - B. Sylla Zarov
    - a) It was shared that the SIP (school improvement plan) is very central to all school goals and team building.
    - b) Franklin is also working a lot on “vertical teaming” and strengthening the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade transition.
    - c) The PBS (positive behavioral support) focus is on “culture and climate.”
    - d) Another key focus for the upcoming school year is preparing for the G2 school technology roll out.
    - e) This year rolls out a new school report card.
    - f) Both Franklin and Randall are also working on arts integration into their curriculums and what that looks like.
    - g) The district focus for the year is on family and community engagement. A book was cited by Karen Moyes called “Beyond the Bake Sale,” which discusses how to engage families in school.
    - h) The presentation stations for the G2 are coming to Franklin when school starts. The 1:1 devices will come in January. Randall will obtain devices next year.
    - i) Colleen asked the principals to think about how the PTO can support the district focus of family and community engagement. Creating a

“FACE” team was discussed-a team of parents to be the school based leadership team to spear head engagement efforts. It was mentioned that more diversity was desired at the FACE team and PTO board level.

- j) John finalized the principal updates by mentioning that academic achievement needed to be the key focus of all efforts, and that was the bottom line. One way of supporting this would be more after school programs and support.

III. The 2016/2017 PTO meeting topics were discussed by Berta and Megan.

- A. A hand out was given that outlined the topics from last year as well as all feedback received from parents upon requesting what they would like to see in a PTO meeting. It also outlined some ideas for 2016/2017 topics.
  - a) Sylla has confirmed a meeting for November on the new report cards and a meeting for January on the Arts Integration efforts at the schools.
  - b) Other meeting topics may be: friendship, role of the PTO, a day in the life of your child, homework, equity and inclusion, MMSD school board update, the specials, after school enrichment, and advanced learners, bullying and PBS, and race and equity.
  - c) It was discussed that we could tap into the university and research community to better present the latest in education and engage in some research based discussions.
  - d) Sylla mentioned having the new school psychologist and social worker come to a bigger meeting on social-emotional development.
  - e) It was asked when the parents were last surveyed about what they wanted to see in a PTO meeting and should we put together another survey as it has been a few years.
  - f) The PTO meetings need to remain in Tuesday nights but it was discussed whether we could change the length or frequency of meetings. Making the meeting available via podcast or virtually was also explored.
  - g) Sylla will contact someone from the district about a technology meeting regarding the G2 and impending tech roll out.
  - h) Berta and Megan will continue to work on meeting topics.

IV. Board volunteer roles were discussed by Colleen.

- A. A liaison for the health and wellness committee and the equity and inclusion committee are still needed.
- B. The fundraising campaign will need to start in October, possibly September and we want to avoid getting behind on this.
- C. The grant committee: Derek Gebler was reached out to to see if he was interested in spearheading this effort again for the coming year. Sara will be the main PTO-grant committee liaison. Colleen will also be on the committee.

V. Volunteer role coordinating/recruitment-Amy Coad

- A) Louisa Kamps is in charge of the classroom community builders which was rolled out last year at Franklin.
- B) Sylla stressed having volunteer opportunities made available at the popcorn on the playground and animal crackers events in August will be very important as it's the first contact with the parents for the year.
- C) Amy sent out an e-mail to all volunteers from last year to see who was coming back to their positions for the coming year.
  - a) We still need a coordinator for the Carnival.
  - b) We need 2 coordinators for the Glo-Ball.
  - c) Jessica Rodriguez will be the new box tops coordinator.
  - d) Kyle Wallace will still be the parking coordinator.
  - e) A movie night and Franklin was discussed.
  - f) On the poster board sign up at the back to school events we will put a place for people to write in their event ideas. More family and community events would be a great addition.
- A) Colleen asked for suggestions on how to better support the district as a whole. A possible grant back to the district of a portion of the parking money was discussed. This subject will be a goal of the PTO for the upcoming year.
- VI. An executive session was called by the board president to discuss the status of a contract for parking with UW on football game days.
- VII. Treasurers report/Review of the 2015/2016 draft operating budget.
  - A) A handout was provided of the draft budget for the members.
  - B) For the coming year the budget falls short if we are going to continue to support the \$7,600.00 that was given to the schools for a day of substitute coverage for each teacher. Do we ask for more money and set a higher fundraising goal for the coming year? Or do we reduce/eliminate the sub funding?
  - C) Lindsay as the fundraising chair suggested having some targeted fundraising events for the coming school year to increase donations.
  - D) Colleen asked the board to consider what is the sustainable amount for a fundraising effort? John and Sylla were also asked to consider what are their goals for the PTO funds? Do we want to be funding more necessities or wrapping around/enhancing school programming?
  - E) Sylla said we could approach M3 to make more of our partnership, but not necessarily financially. Megan was made the M3 liason.
    - a) Sylla discussed that the sub funds were a priority, as were locks for all classroom doors and possibly headphones for each child to prevent transmission of lice.
    - b) Sylla will think about how to use the \$3500.00 from the PTO from last year that was rolled over due to the G2 roll out.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned due to time. Motion to adjourn by Adam, seconded by Lindsay.