

## **Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**

**September 13, 5:15-6:30 pm**

**Franklin LMC**

**Board members present:** Colleen Johnson, Sara Campbell, Lindsay Feitlinger, Erin McMillan, Chris Rich, Megan Spicer, Lisa Geraghty, Berta Strigel, Amy Coad, Adam Hirsch

**Administration:** Sylla Zarov and John Wallace

I. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Colleen Johnson.

II. PTO funded project updates from principals

- A. AV carts are now in all rooms and are functioning great. There was no doc cams provided by the district, so this is a question for future funding. The new technology is working great despite the recent district technology issues.
- B. The drinking fountains at Randall are almost completed and are being used. The students have needed some orientation to the new water bottle filling devices.
- C. Franklin's construction project is on hold, and Randall's is estimated to be completed in January.
  - 1. The parking situation at Randall due to the construction has not affected the Saturday football parking fundraising efforts.

III. Motion to approve July PTO board meeting minutes.

- A. Motion to approve was made by Sara Campbell and seconded by [?]. July meeting minutes approved.
- B. New board member introduction of Erin McMillan.

IV. Treasurer's report-Chris Rich

- A. The PTO made \$4,500.00 in additional income last year (working toward it's goal of increased revenue to cover the new \$7,000 "sub fund) and also spent less than budgeted, so surplus funds will be added to the capital fund.
- B. B. Colleen will look at the Capital Budget policy passed last year to identify amount for capital fund and amount to keep in reserve.
- C. Interest expressed in identifying ways that FRPTO can benefit the district as a whole as part of its activities/budget. This will be a discussion ongoing for this years board.

V. Review and vote on 2016/2017 operating budget

- A. There is a need to raise an additional funds this year to continue to fund the new \$7,000 substitute teacher grant to the schools. Lindsay will identify ways to raise an additional \$3,000 and the fall campaign fundraising goal is increased to \$18,500.00.
- B. The budget print out was reviewed by the board and any questions were discussed and addressed.
- C. A motion to approve the 2016/2017 fall operating budget was made by [?] and seconded by [?]. The new operating budget was approved.

VI. Preliminary discussion of 2016/2017 capital budget

A. An update was given on the Franklin playground renovation and the status of the playground committee-Sylla Zarov.

1. They would like to remove the funnel ball posts and the blacktop to fix the drainage issues on the playground. The playground committee has been in some flux so currently the projects are on hold, but this could be a possibility for a targeted fundraiser. It is expected to be a long range goal, >3 years.

2. Franklin will be doing an election for a new Falcon design. There are some preliminary designs donated but possibly PTO funds could be used to print up new t-shirts for the students.

3. John Wallace will brainstorm ideas with his staff for use of capital funds for Randall. One idea is mounted wall fans for both schools.

VII. Volunteer needs, including board roles-Amy Coad, Colleen Johnson

A. Molly Papier will coordinate the Glo-Ball again.

B. There is no one to coordinate the Carnival yet. Lisa Geraghty has organized documents for her successors and will think about possible volunteers.

C. We could use one more newsletter coordinator.

D. Colleen asked for a liaison between the playground committee and the board. Sylla will fill this role.

E. Colleen asked for someone to schedule the dates for the Carnival and Glo-Ball for the school calendar. Amy Coad will do this.

VIII. Membership meeting schedule and update-Berta Strigel and Megan Spicer

A. Changes to the meeting schedule were discussed to try to increase attendance at membership meetings.

1. Could we post more on Facebook, give a principal update before meetings, have room parents reach out to their classes before meetings, use Webex, or include a flyer in the Friday folders before meetings?

2. Next month's meeting: Social and Emotional support in school

a) Set up as in informal panel discussion. Peg Murray, Saycha Baskin, and Mandy Harvey were contacted to participate so far.

b) Do we want to introduce any other topics, ie mindfulness and the Breathe for Change training Tori Wenthe attended?

B. The November meeting is scheduled for election night, and the April meeting is during spring break so those dates will be changed.

IX. Fundraising update: Lindsay Feitlinger

A. Lindsay is planning to organize an adults only fundraising event sometime in March. She will need a committee for this.

B. Sarah Clemons-Wagner is planning to host a fall fundraising kick off party soon.

C. Would targeted fundraising be more effective? Lindsay asked principals to brainstorm priorities for possible targeted fundraising opportunities.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm due to time

Prepared by Sara Campbell, PTO Secretary