

▼ PTO meeting 9/12/2017

▼ Attending:

- Principals John Wallace and Sylla Zarov. Megan Spicer, Jess Cook, Karen Dreyfuss, Anne Neujahr Morrison, Lindsay Feitlinger, Cathy Schrage, Adam Hirsch, Tonya Rasmussen, Sharon, Colleen Moss, Amanda, Erin McMillan

- Call to order

- Approve August meeting minutes (Sharon)

▼ Treasurer's Report & Review and Vote on 2017-2018 Operating Budget (Sharon)

▼ Future Problem Solving group asking for access to room after school

- Outside groups can use school room/facility after school with waived costs if they're under PTO aegis
- ▼ Vote as to whether FRPTO should sponsor FPS to use (Randall? Franklin?) space and bump up PTO fall fundraising to cover projected costs: vote succeeds.
 - Fall fundraising will go up to 22,5
 - Vote on entire 17/18 budget passes with no opposed

▼ Volunteer needs, including open roles and parking volunteers (Jess & Anne)

- Kyle Wallace leads the parking project, which involves a lot of work, but always needs volunteers
- Anne mentions that it's 2 hours and a lot of fun – asks for ppl to amplify the signal or volunteer themselves
- Tonya asks whether volunteers need to speak fluent English; Anne says certain roles probably require decent language skills
- Megan mentions that personal requests tend to generate more volunteers than FB posts, these days
- Jess: committees all have chairs, feels like things are going pretty well. Specific committees still need people to help.
- Suggestion: get committee needs communicated to PEG groups early.

▼ Membership meeting schedule (Colleen and Cathy)

- Cathy: setting up meetings has been a learning curve, but things going well. Math bridges, technology.
- for February: looking for suggestions for speakers
- Sylla has invited both a math speaker (Ken) for Feb and the district technology person (TJ)

▼ Fundraising update (Amanda)

- Q: how often fundraising letters go out?

- Lindsay : last year season ran Oct - mid-Nov
- Amanda: One committee member, only.

▼ **Parent Empowerment Group updates (Tonya)**

- Not a lot to update: still scheduling kickoffs
- Sylla is going to convene an African-American group at Franklin this year.
- Current political uncertainty is definitely a topic of conversation among a lot of Latino PEG members
- Really positive feedback about end-of-year party last year
- Might start thinking about scheduling International Dinner, as the timing is frequently challenging

▼ **Back-to-school events (Principals)**

▼ Sylla:

- Franklin is open! (cheers)
- Fly-in worked really well, and new parents had a chance to get focus
- Three different grade-level open houses
- Fine Arts Night will introduce Wonder Workshop
- Sylla now has glass in her office door.
- Accessibility getting a lot better; ramp not quite done yet

▼ John:

- only minor construction, some parking changes
- UW-Athletics adoption going forward

▼ **Grants program (Karen)**

- Want to make sure grants program is really serving students and teachers
- ▼ Applications are open – intrigued to note that students can also apply for grants
 - Parents can, too
 - Any single grant is capped at \$1,000

▼ **Committee Updates (Karen)**

- Health and Wellness needs some leadership and gauge for interest
- Equity & Inclusion scheduled first meeting, welcomes feedback,
- Adjourned at 6:20