

## ▼ January 9, 2018 PTO meeting:

- Motion to approve previous minutes - approved

### ▼ PEG updates

- Ellen: Hmong families are starting parent-initiated homework program
- Request was for more homework; program is to bring homework to Tonya (at Franklin) and another teacher at Randall
- Kids apparently love the program
- Reading comprehension aspects specific to second-language learners
- Both Latino and Hmong families will participate in food sales at the Randall carnival

### ▼ Speaker at last PEG meeting about nutrition and food choices:

- followed by tamales and chocolate, natch :)
- Latino PEG gatherings have great participation - 90% is usual.

### ▼ Q: Any Salvadoran parents, given recent news?

- A: Political environment is always a background presence at these meetings.

### ▼ Q: How does parking money affect PEG?

- A: they really appreciate the funding for gatherings, have been talking about covering parking volunteers for one of the football games next year.

### ▼ Sylla updates on Parent Council, which is the new African-American PEG:

- had a really good meeting; did some presentations about day-in-the-life at school for Franklin students.
- Nearly all the parents in attendance have Franklin students rather than Randall.
- Meeting felt clearly like a group that's still in the very early stages of gelling, but making good progress

- Parents agreed to meet formally every 6 weeks, informally between those meetings

### ▼ Karen: updates on Equity & Inclusion

- Books for book room, newsletter pieces
- It's a small group, still feeling out where to put energy and time, where the needs are

### ▼ Cathy: Membership meeting on Feb 13

- Math: Bridges curriculum, Terry Hedges from the district to discuss the curriculum
- Cathy will demo a "number corner," and math games from different grade levels
- Franklin has Bridges already, and Randall does not, so some of the focus will be on how the curriculum proceeds from here.
- Next meeting will also feature the parking vote; the goal is to do the parking vote quickly and directly, and then move on to the speaker
- One of the regular PTO meeting babysitters isn't available; might need someone to fill in

### ▼ Sharon: Mid year budget update:

- Most fundraising money is in, 2/3 of parking money has come in
- ▼ John got a call from MMSD earlier asking whether to pass the usual parking check through to the PTO or hold it, in light of the current events
  - John directed them to PTO folks, but nobody ever called
  - John offers to follow up with MMSD person who'd called in the fall
- Fundraising coming in ~\$19K, which is higher than expected
- Questions about fundraising through Facebook and chasing down a couple of hundred bucks
- Checks from Rummage Sale are in hand

- ▼ Going through expected expenses on the budget that haven't been used it
  - mostly things that have been spent but simply not invoiced yet
- ▼ Q: One teacher set up a DonorsChoose fundraising request for a single class
  - Megan spoke with the teacher to make sure they knew that there are resources available, PTO grants
  - Sylla mentions that MMSD allows DonorsChoose, but F/R principals discourage them, given our funding
  - Maybe teachers are doing it to engage social networks outside the school parents?
  - FRPTO could, maybe, do more outreach to teachers to inform them?
- ▼ Q: Were all grants that got written funded, in the end?
  - A: Yes, total was around \$6500
- ▼ Q: Can PTO or FMPS funding be used in similar ways, with similar restrictions?
  - Yes; can't be used directly for staffing
- ▼ Erin: Westside PTO
  - meeting is on Jan 24th
  - agenda is to include teacher morale, plans to go to school board meeting
  - how to get more time for lunch, in context of district well-being plan
- ▼ Fundraising discussion:
  - ▼ Big categories:
    - 2 that involve contributing to FMPS
    - 2 that involve keeping the money and making very certain that we're focusing on F/R families in need

- After a lot of conversation, the sense of the meeting was that we were all in agreement that the board should examine the existing budget to make sure it's more clearly prioritizing Franklin/Randall families in need. The proposals for reallocating PTO funds split, in general terms, into two broad categories: those that suggest we keep the funds we raise within the F/R community, and those that suggest we give some funds outside F/R (FMPS was most-mentioned in this category).
- Since we once again ran out of time before getting these two proposal categories sufficiently clarified to bring before the membership, Megan suggested we call a special session before the February meeting. Timing to follow.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55