

## ▼ PTO Board Meeting July 31, 2018

- Convened at 6pm
- Attending: Sylla, Megan, April, Sharon, Sara, Alison, Jess, Leigh, Colleen, Erin, Adam
- Approval of May meeting minutes postponed until we can email them out
- Megan reads FR-PTO organization rationale and principles

### ▼ Principal update from Sylla Zarov

- kindergarten play dates starting up
- Ready-Set-Goal as in previous years
- Franklin Fly-in will follow last year's structure, for new students and kindergarteners, as it worked nicely last year
- Randall open house

### ▼ at Franklin

- New Kindergarten teacher and 2nd grade teacher
- long term subs in 1st grade and library
- Some teachers doing Leadership Institute through MMSD
- repainting the Buddy Bench
- holding a meeting for Playground Reboot
- Megan will reach out to John about updates from Randall

### ▼ Membership meeting topics and schedule (Colleen/April)

- Topics came from several sources, including last year's survey and direct suggestions from parents
- [list of potential topics TK TK]

### ▼ Q: how do potential membership topics relate to by-laws and principles?

- A: in broad, parents looking for "what's going on at school?" and "what can I do at home?"

### ▼ Q: potential difficulties in trying to do "A Day in the Life Of"

- Each grade level and classroom is so distinct that a presentation about one is likely to create impressions or expectations that aren't accurate for every class
- Possible to combine Welcoming School and anti-bullying approaches?
- Could FR social workers have a regular spot in the newsletter to let broader community know about needs?

### ▼ Suggestion: Safety in Schools

#### ▼ Q: are locks for classrooms happening?

- Board has things tied up in budgeting, considering various keyless entry systems, cameras, exterior door
- Suggestion: do Technology in schools again?

### ▼ Plan to settle on topics:

- ▼ Let's ruminare, but maybe the first membership meeting can include
  - What is the PTO?
  - Welcoming Schools programs, which are in both F/R's SIPs
  - Talk about volunteer needs and ask parents to join and help
- ▼ Scheduling challenge for Sept 25, which is second night of Sukkot
  - Proposed: on nights with both Board and Membership meetings, Board meeting goes from 5:30-6:30, Membership meeting from 6:45-8p
  - Also proposed: for just the Sept membership meeting, change day to Weds or Thurs Sept 13 or 14, if that doesn't run afoul of Hamilton or West PTO meeting? Colleen to follow up.
  - Board-only meeting nights to remain 6-7pm
  - Something to keep in mind: people who would be concerned about second night of Sukkot are also likely to be reluctant to come to events on Friday nights / Saturday mornings.
- ▼ Volunteer recruitment needs (Jess/Leigh)
  - Making coordinator guides for people tasked with specific events
  - lots of FAQs that could be collected onto documents that can have some persistence
- ▼ Could we bring in external groups (Badger Bots, Macnasium) to sponsor events and run a table?
  - We need to be careful about mentioning sponsors in social media or sending flyers, and keep sponsorship role very, very clear
- ▼ Room parents pilot program:
  - pilot program, need to have overall room parent coordinator for both Franklin and Randall (Randall is covered, Franklin still needs one)
  - Coordinator to be liaison between teachers and parent volunteers, who can then be a gateway parent for their classroom for events, fundraising
  - This is a work in progress!
- ▼ Directory and online book club (Sara)
  - Book club still fairly inchoate; watch this space.
- ▼ Online directory
  - services to do this tend to be app specific and cost \$\$
  - Possible to do this via Infinite Campus? Turns out not.
  - Maybe have people opt-out of receiving a paper copy?
  - Consider option to receive PDF copy of directory via email 1x at the beginning of the year?
- ▼ Budget recommendations (Sharon)
  - Last year's budget technically closed, but we are chasing down the stragglers from last year, including grant recipients
- ▼ Overview of changes
  - Big increase in planned income from local businesses

- Parking changes: as MMSD is suggesting two schools handle each of the donated games, we propose that F/R PTO continues taking money and running it through our financials, then cutting checks to schools that work the game in order to avoid sitting and counting money in the parking lots
- New line item for Bay View summer program
- added childcare for K orientation in April
- increased social justice fund
- Reduced principal discretionary funds
- increased donation to FMPS
- Cultural Arts line item has been vague and underutilized in previous years, reduced
- bumped up Phys Ed and Music and Arts
- new line for Randall library
- new line for "Conscious Discipline" for bus staff
- removed line for buildings and grounds
- ▼ Social workers were offered increased amounts, but declined
  - Sylla says social work folks know they can come for more help if/when needed
- Moved to adjourn at 8:27