

▼ PTO Board Meeting Oct 9, 2018

▼ Principal updates

▼ Sylla Zarov

- New art pieces
- Discussions about playground updates

▼ John Wallace

- School Success Night
- Discussion of Bridges curriculum
- Teachers talking about how some blocks in the morning mean they're missing morning meeting
- Unity Days coming up as teachers do individual testing

▼ Ongoing work about regulating some students

- the students are looking for champions; teachers and principals can be those champions
- Balancing efforts around academics and encouraging kids to make better choices
- Exhausting for teachers who've come in with lesson plans and the agenda gets disrupted
- UW Badgers still influencing work

▼ Despite best efforts to get subs in, some sub slots have gone unfilled

- Even John took a class or two
- Staff are feeling challenged and tired, but making progress

▼ Q: is this the most challenging year you've had in a while?

- A: This is the most challenging cohort in 10 years
- Staff could maybe use some recognition or treats?
- Important for kids to know that if they're having problems at school with behavior issues and other kids, they can ask for help and get it

▼ Suggestions:

- In other PTOs, making teacher appreciation extend beyond the set days
- Talk with Beth?
- "Unwind Wednesday" as a weekly mindfulness opportunity
- Or other Breathe for Change-type sessions?
- Could room parents spot the particular needs in a given classroom?

▼ Update on local ICE activity

- There have been families in which ICE has come to their door
- Wanting to make sure PTO efforts and/or \$\$ are available
- thus far, message coming back has been that social workers are doing okay

▼ Fall Fundraiser update: Jamie

▼ [Fundraising plan links]

- [018/2019 Fundraising Plan](#)
- [Letter - Fall Fundraiser](#)
- [Email Template - Business Sponsorships](#)
- [Business Sponsorship List](#)

- Q: Possible to do this via FaceBook fund raising, if they waive fees?
- Q: Could some teachers go on video describing how they used funds from last year?

▼ Q: for business sponsorship, how many families would donations reach?

- Sylla to ask assistants to filter using Infinite Campus

▼ Q: is there a better time of year to be asking businesses for donations?

- A: Every business is different.
- ▼ Round table updates:
 - ▼ Parking Update:
 - Volunteer roster is totally set!
 - Two fewer games to cover and our PEG group took one of the remaining games
 - ▼ Membership meeting topics are set and speakers are lined up
 - Mindfulness – keeping focus on things parents can do with kids
 - Bullying information and programs
 - Nov 13: Day in the life at school
 - ▼ Equity&Inclusion + Grant program is open
 - ▼ no submissions yet, but it's early
 - yoga?
 - safety patrol?
 - ▼ Room Parents (called "Class Representatives")
 - largely covering Kindergarten rooms
 - ▼ Volunteer Needs
 - Randall Movie Night was a big success
 - Glow-Ball is next event
- ▼ Budget updates
 - [budget attached electronically]
 - Request from Welcoming Schools to buy copies of curriculum books
 - ▼ Potentials to keep in mind for capital expenses:
 - FRPTO probably has about \$40K to think of as available capital
 - Franklin playground is a big, long project
 - Randall: renovating teachers' lounge
 - ▼ Randall safety patrol?
 - Might be covered with grants?
 - Basic safety equipment we should just cover by default
 - Big field trips would need bigger grant \$\$
 - Randall Maker space?
 - Franklin: deteriorating step out of exit #2
 - Franklin: lockers
- Adjourn at 7:02