

April 9, 2013

Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Board Members Present: Scott Dunahee, Eileen Kennedy, Elizabeth Kerwin, Noelle LoConte, Beth O'Callaghan, Dana Prager, Suzanne Swift, Soraya Willems-Neal

Administrators: Britta Hanson, John Wallace

Call to order: 7:25p

1. **Minutes** – March 2013 minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
2. **2013-2014 PTO Board Nominations** – The board nomination committee, Suzanne and Soraya are developing a slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 FRPTO. The slate will be finalized and distributed (via list serve, website and newsletter) to the Franklin-Randall community in late April. All positions are open, however a few positions do not have candidates: the 3 PEG representatives to the Board, the Fundraising Chair and the Treasurer. The newsletter editor and webmaster (non-board positions) will also transition to new leadership next year. Key activity-based positions (i.e. teacher appreciation committee chair) will need to be filled. Suzanne will meet with incoming board members to discuss the full-range of PTO supported and PTO sponsored activities to ensure a smooth leadership transition. This was Suzanne's last meeting as President. All board members present expressed their appreciation for her years of hard work, unwavering commitment and dedicated leadership.
3. **Playground Update** (Britta) – Britta noted that while the playground committee hasn't met recently, there has been progress with fundraising that will soon be publicized to the community. To date the playground initiative has raised \$35,017 (incl. future \$20,000 donation from the PTO). This comes close to reaching the projected project total of \$47,000.  
  
This is not a PTO sponsored initiative (it is PTO supported) so the board did not issue any recommendations, but expressed their excitement for the project moving forward. There was brief discussion about the timing of a fundraising ask for F-R parents/community members/businesses and possibly using money raised from parking the Spring football game.
4. **Reflex math** (John) – John spoke briefly about the Reflex math program at Randall which helps students achieve math fact fluency. Funding for this beneficial program is ending and he is searching for ways to continue the program. One idea discussed was a subscription model and allowing for people to make additional donations to ensure every child is covered. It was noted that other classroom support activities (i.e. Time for Kids) are funded in a similar fashion.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05p

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth O'Callaghan, PTO Secretary