

Minutes: FR PTO Board Meeting  
9/13/22  
F/R PTO Meeting: 5:30 - 7:00

**Call to order – 5:32**

Attendees: Ann Sydnor, John Wallace, Emily Powers, Colleen Manner, Sara Levin, Christina Hanzlik, Soumya Palreddy, Claudia Santana, Mickey Willis, Ashley Russel, Colleen Moss, Erin McMillan, Mary Rihana, Lindsay Michelle

**Principal Updates –**

*Emily Powers / Franklin* – teachers and students working hard on learning classroom routines. Setting up classrooms to be safe learning environments. Teaching safety protocols, first fire drill next week. Open House coming next week. Birthdays and half birthdays will be celebrated. Fostering joy!

While Diana Koplan is out on medical leave (Nov), send emails to [franklin@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:franklin@madison.k12.wi.us)

*John Wallace / Randall* – Focus on welcoming students and learning routines. Working on teaching problem solving and safety protocols. Kids have been amazing. Making sure everyone feels solid as a learner and solid as a staff member – focus is on building relationships.

**Treasurer Report** – Claudia: working through the process, nothing new to report.

**Budget** – Ann proposed a 14K deficit budget for this year. Fundraising will continue as best we can. Membership will vote to approve the budget next month.

- Changes from last month: Increased social justice fund by 1K after speaking to Maria and Katie. Last year – we had surplus as these needs were being met by other funding. Previously it was used to help with rent money for families, snow pants, taxis, etc
- Decreased PTO meeting expenses by \$750 to reflect 3 community meetings vs 4 meetings
- Added \$1,500 for directory
- Added \$1,000 for business expenses for ads. We don't need this. Ashley: Shari Joslin confirmed that the district can print. Contact is Julie (new Randall secretary)

Erin: Do we have PEG volunteers? Colleen Moss: Tonya and Ellen have done historically. They are planning on 3 this year. Ellen happy to come give history/details. Currently there are 2 groups and trying to reinstate more groups.

*Motion to recommend this budget to the membership at the next meeting in early October. Erin seconds. Board votes and approves unanimously.*

**Community Meeting Planning:** Colleen Moss: Ms Rachel and Ms Roundtree will be speakers. Will share the new reading curriculum with families. Historically, teachers were not asked to do presentations as this is not part of their job. Ms Rachel felt that it was important to connect with families after the Covid years. PTO would like to provide a stipend to the teachers - \$50 was recommended and would be sustainable for future years.. Do principals think this is

acceptable?. Emily Powers: If the school was to compensate staff – its approximately \$20 per hour, so \$50 seems generous and sustainable.

*Motion: pay \$50 per speaker as a stipend and pay up to \$50 per childcare provider. Colleen Moss seconds. Board votes and approves unanimously.*

Childcare suggestion: Mickey: Madison West has volunteer hours, so does Edgewater. Could these be resources to provide childcare? Colleen Moss, Ann and Mickey to continue offline.

### **Community Meeting Schedule:**

- Board reviews schedule proposed by Ann.
- Note: Membership votes can happen during the 5:30-6:30 board business meeting since we now have 12 members.
- Ann will send out a google sign up for the volunteer opportunities during the community meetings.
- Historically there was informal offer for a happy hour after community meetings
- Adult chairs – 25-30 chairs? custodial team to help
- Accessibility: what might be obstacles to people attending? Currently planning for a Zoom option, childcare, pizza. Are we overlooking anything? Transportation? Translating Invites.
- Zoom: Laptop on a music stand? Emily will talk to Rachel to see what she's envisioning to make a good experience for those who are joining via Zoom.
- Soumya: Suggested to turn on closed captioning will make it more accessible
- John Wallace: Site where disabled parking is, and where elevator is

### **2022 / 2023 Events / Community Engagements:**

October – A volunteer is interested in helping to plan an October playground event at Franklin. Popcorn / apple cider / painting gourds / etc. An event like this is very easy and turnout is usually very good.

October: idea for trunk or treat potentially? Or parade?

November: movie night (Randall). Mickey working on copyright license. Would need a sign-up genius for tasks.

Feb: Glow Ball / Franklin 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary / 100<sup>th</sup> day tie-ins? Fundraiser options: Raffle + fleece hats

Mar/April – Science Saturday (Randall)

May/June: year-end picnic @ Brittingham – support PEGs

Ann to reach out to Kindergarten playdate parents with specific tasks to see if they'd like to volunteer.

Would like to have sheets with Save the Dates by end of September.

60 Second Updates:

- Parking: no update
- Fundraising: Christina & Soumya are awesome! Thank you for volunteering for fundraising. October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – approve language for the fundraising and get it translated. Ann – ok to just circulate this via email once its ready. No need to wait until the next meeting. Christina to translate to Spanish.
- Grants Program: Most likely this will be Jan – March time frame.

Meeting adjourned: 6:56