

**Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**  
**12/12/23 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

**Call to order:** 5:37pm

**Attendees:** Collen Manner, Mary Rihani, Colleen Moss, Ashley Russell, Lisa Hawk, Kemper Smith, Caitlin Voegele, Amy Rountree, John Wallace, Ashley Check. **On zoom:** Mickey Willis, Emily Powers.

**Meeting minutes:** Colleen Moss motions to approve November meeting minutes, Caitlin seconds, motion carries.

**Principal Updates – John Wallace:**

- After school clubs are taking off. Congratulations to media specialist Mrs. Sharrock for this.
- Group of students from West come to work with 4<sup>th</sup> graders every week
- West swim team has formed a girls math club for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- Students have great morale
- Staff is focusing on literacy
- New staff has come on for this year, which has been wonderful
- School psychologist has been a great addition to the team

**Budget – Lisa Hawk:**

Fundraiser donations are around \$5200. Goal is \$15,000. Last year we had \$13,000 at this point. Going to make on more flyer for a pre-winter break push. Will also push on social media and in newsletter.

Discussion on why contributions are down – when we look at total donations for Randall Rally, Franklin Fun Run and PTO fundraiser, the totals will probably be similar to last year.

Super Science Saturday funds – Lisa motions to use \$200 of PTO discretionary funds for Super Science Saturday, Colleen Moss seconds, motion carries.

**Super Science Saturday – Colleen Moss:**

Date is set for March 9, 9am-1pm. Will be putting a put a Save the Date and call for participants in the next Newsletter. Samip is sending out requests for speakers. Discussion on historical structure of event was run and how it will be structured this year.

**Glow Ball:**

Date is set for February 24, 5:30-7:30pm. Katie Hoerz is leading, Sarah Levin will solicit donations. Forming a committee to plan and assess volunteer needs. Will plan to have a larger group and split into sub-committees. Plans to ask high school groups to volunteer again and offer a pre-event tutorial for sewing.

## **Community Meeting:**

Ashley Rose is stepping down as Community chair, preparing a document to transition out.

Discussion on next community meeting and low turn-out. Plan to re-assess this role and the purpose of the community meetings. Bylaws state need for community events, but these meetings reach such a low number of members.

Lisa motions to cancel the last two community meetings due to resignation of chair, low interest and desire to reassess meetings, Colleen Manner seconds, motion carries.

Discussion on how to build and engage community – plan to focus on this over summer. In the meantime, PTO meetings will continue to happen, everyone is welcome and the board would like others to attend.

## **Playground Update – Kemper Smith:**

Presentation on background and meetings. Kemper found plans from proposal that was done in January 2020 by ZDA. He believes is close to what we're looking for. ZDA is now a partially retired firm, but is still interested in the project if we want to continue. Will need to get MMSD to re-start the proposal process.

ZDA plan has open lawn area, extending stage, access for emergency vehicles, track around perimeter, rain garden. MMSD had decided not to move forward, but wanted to start drainage. However, drainage might not be necessary if there were more permeable surfaces on the playground with grading.

Next steps:

- Talk with MMSD on either selecting proposal or putting out another request ZDA or other companies update proposal
- Selected designer meets with school to get feedback
- Designer makes construction documents and estimates each phase
- Raise money for 1st phase +
- Build what we can with money raised

Discussion on finding a point person to work with at MMSD. Discussion on how other schools are funding playgrounds. Discussion on funding options and possibility of budgeting for a capital campaign planner to fundraise.

In the meantime, MMSD has offered wood chips.

## **Additional notes:**

**Grants:** recipients have been selected and notified. Great job, Soumya!

**Parking:** final numbers will be available in January. We are scheduled to distribute our give-back funds in January.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:37pm.