

**Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**  
**3/12/24 5:30p.m.**  
**Randall Library**

**Attendees:** Lisa Hawk, Mary Rihani, Colleen Manner, Emily Powers, John Wallace, Mickey Willis, Sarah Levin, Ashley Russell, Ashley Check, Ashley Rose, Kemper Smith, Caitlin Voegelé, Colleen Moss. **On Zoom:** Kate Freedman

**Call to order:** 5:32pm

**Meeting Minutes:**

Lisa motions to approve, Sarah seconds. Motion carries

**Principal Updates – Emily Powers:**

- Gearing up for Flash Dash in May
- Students working on learning songs and preparing for concert
- Received allocation for the year from MMSD, most staffing will roll over and will add another class for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and kindergarten, this will support the goal to lower class sizes and support the early literacy project

**Principal Updates – John Wallace:**

- Students have been enjoying the nicer weather
- Third grade music concert was a success, Mr. Harrod does a great job
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade going to Aldo Leopold this week
- Forward Exams for all students coming up
- Staffing is in place for next year so working on class placements
- Snow has melted on playground, but left a lot of debris to clean up

**Super Science Saturday Recap – John Wallace and Colleen Moss:**

- Event was a great success – well organized, well orchestrated, well attended.
- There had been discussion on if 4 hour event time was too long, but it felt right and allowed more intimacy with the presenters
- There were fewer attendees than in the past
- Every kid/family had the full opportunity to see everything
- Presenters enjoyed the experience and indicated they would participate again in the future, will survey for further feedback
- Presenters appreciated the snacks and drinks that volunteers provided
- Will connect with Samip about doing it again next year

**Glow Ball Recap – Lisa Hawk:**

- Made 55 hats
- Gross income very similar to past years
- Feedback that move to Randall was positive
- Volunteers were really happy
- Some sewers felt they didn't have enough sewing to do
- Would be good to have volunteer captains in the future.
- Concerns about capacity of the cafeteria, need to stay out of kitchen area
- In the future, could take glow sticks out of gym to reduce crowding
- Everyone heard a lot of positive feedback

**Franklin Playground Committee Update – Kemper Smith:**

- Met with Jeremy (Sarah's husband) to discuss fundraising – ideas for small fundraisers, selling bricks, contacting larger organizations, etc
- Plans to form a group of people to fundraise rather than hiring someone
- Needs to pull committee together again to meet over the summer and kick off community fundraiser in the fall
- Need to connect with MMSD to hire landscape architect to sketch design
- Next steps: establish fundraising/planning committee before school is out and connect with MMSD to finalize design.
- Will put something in newsletter about committee

**Flashdash PTO Volunteers – Mary Rihani:**

- Flashdash is a great recruiting event for the PTO
- PTO will be donating balloons and water

**Budget update, discussion Q & A – Lisa Hawk:**

Recommending changes for next year due to lower income and to keep it current. Review of bylaws. Income is around \$60k. Parking cost increase could raise another \$10k.

Discussion on moving Randall fall run to spring to not conflict with the PTO fundraiser. Would be good to publicize both Franklin and Randall runs on the same day and combine messaging.

Overview of budget and expenses followed by discussion. Hard to pull funding from anything, but need more ways to raise money. We need more engagement with the PTO and more volunteers.

**Adjourned:** 6:57pm