

**Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**  
**4/9/24 5:30p.m.**  
**Randall Library**

**Attendees:** Lisa Hawk, Ashley Russell, Mary Rihani, Beth Waldron, Emily Powers, Terri Jaye, Kemper Smith, Mickey Willis, John Wallace, Caitlin Voegele. **On Google Meet:** Sarah Levin.

**Call to order:** 5:31pm

**Meeting Minutes:**

Mickey motions to approve, Lisa seconds, motion carries.

**Principal Updates – Emily Powers:**

- Kindergartners had a showcase of literacy work and invited families in to celebrate
- Entering 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, teachers are using the final segment of the new literacy curriculum for the first time
- Conferences are coming up – looking forward to celebrating new growth and learning
- Flash Dash (Franklin fundraiser) is come up
- Excited about recent meeting regarding playground update

**Principal Updates – John Wallace:**

- Amazing to see student growth towards the end of the year
- Working class placements and team arrangements for next year
- Forward testing is happening right now
- Prepping for Randall student led conferences
- Monday is a professional development day – will do future visioning with the staff (Randall garden, tutors, field trips, eating in classroom v. cafeteria, teachers role in attendance, etc)
- Culture and climate survey will be coming out, currently working on one with African American families for MMSD

**Randall Garden Summer Plan – Terri Jaye:**

Randall garden will be 25 years old next year. Terri is nurse assistant at Randall and also works with getting teachers involved with garden. Will likely retire in two years and wants to make sure there's a community in place (the PTO and teachers) to keep the space thriving. When Terri's kids were at Randall there was a PTO ambassador who ordered supplies, planned work days, etc.

Last year PTO did a sign up genius for bird seed and weeding – volunteer slots filled easily. The PTO will need a point person to manage. Terri will write a role description and list out specific tasks.

Discussion on how the garden is utilized this year: Ms. Dongarra is planting pollinator garden, teachers use the raised beds.

Discussion on Gardner in Residence program through Rooted Wisconsin. Would bring a gardener for 4 hours a day once a week April-June (or similar). Cost is around \$1000. Could have a gardener come in to do programs with kids, possibly run a garden club, work with teachers, etc. This could be a grant for next year.

Discussion on a fundraiser for 25 year anniversary to raise funds for specific items.

Discussion on garden budget – \$500 is the right amount for annual expenditures.

Discussion on a PTO recruiting event this summer. Great to involve the neighborhood community as well.

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

- Committee (Mel, Emily, Jeremy, Lynne & Kemper) met to discuss fundraising ideas, timeline, etc.
- A current roadblock is getting a hold of district to hire designer. Will cc Emily on future communications for assistance.
- Unclear if payment for the designer comes from MMSD or the school
- First designs would be preliminary and used for cost estimates and fundraising. Building plans come after.
- Discussion on funds to be used for fundraising (posters, etc). Emily will approve as needed.
- Proposed timeline:
  - this summer through August for design
  - kickoff fundraising in August-December
  - will need to make a call by Jan/Feb if wanting to begin summer 2025 to notify WYC summer camp that playground will not be available

Discussion on project history – MMSD has acknowledged they need to work on the playground, but nothing has come out of that. Discussion on how to get MMSD funds flowing.

Discussion on non-profit LLC being created to hold funds and solicit donations.

Discussion on fundraising ideas: events at Garth's, Butterbird, the Heights; corporate donations; selling bricks or objects; selling artwork; etc.

Flash Dash is coming up – have a station to promote playground project that highlights issues. Discussion on how to incorporate messaging at the event.

### **Budget Update – Lisa Hawk:**

Kemper made visualization of budget, will post on website.

Things are looking good with anticipated income for next year with parking cost increase.

Executive board met and went over budget. Highlights:

- updated budget to match actual spending on popcorn, picnic, glow ball
- need to get another port a pot for parking
- would like to have another movie night
- Social justice fund increase
- Discussion on underutilized budget line items
- Should be set to make balanced after summer budget meeting

### **Community Engagement, Bayview – Mary:**

Bayview Community Center is finished – Mary will contact Bayview to see if they want to come in to present to PTO.

### **End of the year picnic:**

Committee forming – need to advertise and publicize. Put in newsletter as a save the date.

### **2024-25 PTO Board:**

We need a president to step up for next year. Average time commitment per week (1 hour). Role is talk to principals, create agenda, be on all committees as support.

**5K playdates:**

Setting dates for next year – Caitlin, Sarah and Ashley Russell will collab.

Franklin is revamping 5k orientation and it will include a tour. Discussion on how to split playdate attendees into two tour groups from the beginning – put a number or color on name tag. PTO should attend for recruitment purposes. 5K orientation is May 21.

**Website update:**

Will be moving to Dreamhost (free non-profit hosting). Ashley Russell, Lisa and Elizabeth will coordinate.

**Adjourned:** 6:55pm

**Amendment on 4/24/24:**

Shelley Block is requesting \$500 for a story telling naturalist at Franklin. Approved by all members via email.