

**Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**  
**5/14/24 5:30pm**  
**Randall Library**

**Attendees:** Mickey Willis, Lisa Hawk, Emily Powers, Sarah Levin, Colleen Moss, Colleen Manner, Ashley Russell, Mary Rihani, Ashley Check, Caitlin Voegele, Kemper Smith, Beth Waldron, John Wallace.

**Call to order:** 5:30pm

**Meeting Minutes:**

Mickey motions to approve April meeting minutes, Lisa seconds, motion carries.

**Principal Updates – Emily Powers:**

- Franklin music concerts were last week, very well attended. Sent out video to families who were unable to attend.
- Flash Dash will be on Thursday, rain date Friday.
- School reading challenge is complete – students were challenged to read 100,000 minutes for the whole school to help Freddy Falcon get his wings back. Had an all school celebration last Friday with Mr. Moffit's band.
- Working on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade transition to Randall – they visited the school, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade staff has visited Franklin.

**Principal Updates – John Wallace:**

- Randall had an all school dance celebration – part of a monthly incentive to follow the Randall Way.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade concert was great.
- Had a Land Acknowledgment ceremony last Friday with Ho Chunk leaders.
- Randall Garden is coming along.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and concert coming up.
- Strings concert coming up.
- Celebrating Hmong American week – Hmong students presenting on culture in morning announcements and Hmong guest readers.

**Playground Update – Kemper:**

- Connected with Mike MacDonald Assistant Director of Facilities at MMSD.
- MMSD has signed agreements with 3 different architectural and engineering firms. If design fees are under \$35k, it does not need to be approved by the board and our project should be under, so getting the ball rolling on design plan.
- Mike mentioned the November referendum to raise money for schools, the scope is a 20 year plan to renovate all schools throughout the district. Keep in mind as it could bring substantial renovations to Franklin.
- Plan to make a couple of posters for Flash Dash to raise awareness.

**Fundraising Update – Colleen Manner:**

- Contacted by a mom of first grader at Franklin who has a photography business. She wants to have a PTO fundraiser where she would offer sessions to 25 families for \$150 and give 20% back to the PTO (\$750). PTO just needs to post it on listserv, in newsletter and on Facebook. Will take place in the fall.
- Viewing it as a business supporting the PTO rather than the PTO recommending the business
- Opportunity to raise funds as the passive ask is dwindling in effect.

### **Garden 25 year anniversary – Caitlin:**

- New parent Anne Reis Boyle has volunteered to oversee garden.
- Anne has a horticulture background and has already been in touch with Terri.
- Will figure out a plan for the garden this summer.
- Mary found documents from 1999 showing the initial garden forming permits, could be useful for 25 year celebration or fundraising.

### **End of Year Party Update:**

There is a 4k student with an aggressive brain tumor who is part of the Latino PEG group. A parent started a GoFundMe to support the family and the PEG group will make and sell food at the picnic. The PTO donated water leftover from Glow Ball for them to sell.

Caitlin will send out volunteer sign up again. PTO members will support and fill in the gaps.

### **School Supply Orders – Sarah:**

Everything is set for both schools and will go on sale tomorrow. Sales will close around June 21. This is not a fundraiser, everything is at cost.

### **Madison Public Schools Foundation – Mary:**

Discussion on Franklin-Randall endowment funds in the Madison Public Schools Foundation and restructuring.

### **2024/2025 Board – Colleen Manner:**

The nominating committee proposes the following slate:

Co-Presidents: Caitlin Voegele and Mickey Willis  
 Vice President: Sarah Levin  
 Secretary: Ashley Russell  
 Treasurer: Lisa Hawk  
 Fundraising Chair: Ashley Check  
 Volunteer Coordinator: Kate Freedman  
 Board At-Large: Soumya Palreddy (grants)  
 Board At-Large: Colleen Manner (parking/fundraising)  
 Board At-Large: Kemper Smith (playground)  
 Board At-Large: Beth Waldron  
 Board At-Large: Ashley Rose  
 Board At-Large: Anne Reis Boyle (garden)

Still recruiting for Communications / Social Media role – can vote in September.

The board unanimously votes to approve the new board.

Passing the baton from former co-presidents to new co-presidents, Caitlin Voegele and Mickey Willis.

Thank you to Mary and Colleen Moss for service. Colleen will be back to do Super Science Saturday next year with Samip.

Adjourned: 6:06pm