

Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting
11/12/24 5:30pm
Franklin Library

Attendees: Caitlin Voegele, Mickey Willis, Ashley Russell, Emily Powers, Marissa Burack, Jennie Bastian, Beth Waldron, Anne Kolan, Brian Schneirow, Yvette Lopez (Futura), Amy Beyler, Lisa Hawk, Vickie Eiden, Sarah Levin, Owen Sizemore, Colleen Manner, Kemper Smith, Brian Schneirow, Kate Freedman. **Online:** Ashley Check, Elizabeth Kraege-Soechting.

Call to order: 5:33pm

Minutes: Lisa motions to approve, Sarah seconds, motion carries.

Futura After School Spanish – Yvette Lopez:

Anne Kolan contacted Futura about teaching after school Spanish at both schools.

- Classes will be 8-15 kids maximum, they can bring 2 teachers if there's high enrollment.
- Classes last 1 hour and are directly after school
- Parents are in charge of transportation
- Class is once a week for 8 weeks, 16 weeks total – usually starts in the fall (early October) and ends in spring (early April)
- Classes use a building block method – a bilingual approach with short phrases
- The goal is for kids to have fun while learning
- Classes are mixed age, they can support different levels
- Futura brings all material
- Change curricula every semester
- Futura has been teaching Spanish for over 20 years in elementary schools in Madison, Mt. Horeb, Milwaukee, Minnesota
- They have a diverse staff
- Would do one day a week at Randall and one day a week at Franklin, starting right after release
- Teachers can take kids to after-care in the building
- They can be flexible to work with what space is available. Ideally would like to be able to show videos. If there's more than one class, they prefer two separate space
- They have general liability insurance. When you register online you sign a waiver, photo release, allergy, etc
- Tuition is parent funded with payment plans and grants available
- They offer materials online so parents can access
- Typically costs \$135/8 week semester
- Anne applied for a PTO grant to start this at Franklin and Randall and support families who might need tuition help. Anne also applied to start a running club at Randall in the spring. Applied for the maximum grant (\$1000) to fund both clubs. Could also use social justice fund for tuition overages.
- PTO used to run language clubs back in 2007 (5 options). It was not cost effective, which is probably why it stopped.
- Flyers will printed with info before winter break to share in January with a plan to start in early February
- Principals will figure out locations and preferred days

Principal updates – Emily Powers:

- Many celebrations at Franklin
- Open house was successful with the Madison Foundation for Public Schools partner M3 Insurance providing volunteers to help pass out pizza.
- First all school assembly – reminded students to have safe bodies, kind hearts, thinking minds.
- Getting into small group instruction for literacy, doing targeted work and working with staff.
- Held a Franklin election a week before national election, voting for the first all school celebration: recess or free choice. Recess won in a landslide. Working towards 150 golden falcons, once they earn them there will be an all school recess.
- Hosted all school staff meeting day last Tuesday with time for self care, including a Basecamp / PTO event for stretching and relaxation – staff appreciated it.

John Wallace is out on leave and we have a new interim principal for Randall.

New At Large Board Members – Mickey:

- Brian Schneirow and Owen Sizemore have volunteered to join as new members at large / treasurers in training
- Lisa motions to vote them both in as members at large, Colleen seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report – Lisa:

- Income on track with last year
- \$1100 anonymous donations from workplaces.
- Fundraiser at \$3081 – goal is \$11,000 (down from 16k).
- Parking on track.
- Money market on track, will renegotiate in Dec.
- Box Tops is under (\$37, budget \$500). Discussion on how to get more participation.
- Randall will exceed snack pantry funds before end of year.
- Positive reviews from Basecamp teacher event – all from Randall and a handful from Franklin attended (29 teachers). Basecamp gave 2 free weeks to everyone who attended.

Garden Party Recap & Use of Funds – Caitlin:

- Successful garden event
- Raised \$170 for new bench or other garden improvement
- Discussion on how to make a stronger event next year

Fall Fundraiser Update – Ashley Check:

- Has raised \$3000 so far
- Will send another flyer in November

Screenagers Update – Mickey:

- PTO is hosting a documentary movie event about ideas on how to navigate technology with children. This is an elementary focused version with ideas on how to manage cell phones.
- Will provide pizza and childcare in line with community meetings.

- License allows us to offer the movie virtually (20 views) for two weeks after
- Includes material for moderated discussion after the screening.
- Ask: approve funds for pizza out of discretionary fund not to exceed \$300. Lisa motions to approve, Vickie seconds, motion carries.
- Screening will be at Randall – movie is 50 minutes followed by a 40 minute discussion

Super Science Saturday – Caitlin:

- Moving to from Saturday March 15, to Sunday, March 16, per organized request.

Bayview – Caitlin:

- Created Bayview PEG group to strengthen ties.
- Bayview has added 250 residents between Sep 1 to present.
- January PTO meeting will be at Bayview.
- Discussion on Bayview fundraisers and volunteer asks for their foundation. Decision to follow established guidelines for Facebook group and listserv. Bayview can request donations through school social worker.
- Bayview is also working with Hamilton and will host school conferences.

Fall Playdate Recap – Amy:

- Successful gathering with 30 kids at fall playdate. Skewed towards younger grades, maybe because it was at Franklin.

Movie Night Update – Amy:

- Showing Disney's Wish on December 13
- Movie at 6:30, doors at 6
- Will have a volunteer sign up
- Cider & popcorn

Playground Update – Kemper:

- Has been waiting on logistics response, which was received yesterday.
- Plans to move forward with landscape architecture firm.

Gifts for John – Mickey:

- Principal Wallace is out on medical leave
- Discussion on asking community for support and organizing contributions
- Will run communication through Julie

Glow Ball:

- Sync after for anyone interested in helping out to get a committee up and running
- Still looking for a lead. Get in touch with Caitlin if interested.
- Need help soliciting donations – talk to Sarah.

Children's Museum Event:

- Madison Children's Museum emailed saying every school in MMSD can do a free night on a Tuesday or Wednesday – 5-8pm.
- Will choose a February or March day in between other commitments

Next meeting will be December 10 @ Randall. Will be a shorter meeting with movie screening after.

Adjourned: 7pm