

## **Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting**

**2/11/25 5:30pm**

Randall Elementary School LMC  
1802 Regent St, Madison WI 53726

**Attendees:** Mickey Willis, Caitlin Voegele, Lisa Hawk, Ashley Russell, Colleen Manner, Ashley Check, Dr. Danyelle Wright, Emily Powers, Darby Puglielli, Vickie Eiden, Jennie Bastian, Owen Sizemore, Brian Schneirow, Kate Freedman, Ron Kubalanza.

**Online:** Sarah Levin.

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

**Minutes:** Ashley C motions to approve, Lisa seconds, motion carries.

### **Principal Updates – Emily Powers:**

- Had Book character spirit day. Teachers & crossing guard dressed up.
- Schoolwide celebration – All School Draw – kids drawing in the halls, music, coloring sheets, very creative.
- Gratitude sharing from Emily – school staff appreciates partnership of the PTO:
  - had a second Bayview family night in January – 13 families & staff from Randall attended
  - was able to purchase volleyball stands for the gym – Ms. Robinson is thrilled
  - Community Closet is in production – purchased clothing and pantry items with PTO funds along with Madison School partnership funds

### **Principal Updates – Danyelle Wright:**

- Randall hosted the Read Your Heart Out luncheon today
  - Kids performed songs
  - great to be around families, great turn out
  - was able to have subs for every classroom teacher thanks to Julie
  - community volunteers from UW Physicians, Urban League of Young Professionals, 100 Black Men, etc
  - brainstorming way to make it more accessible for families who have to take off work – gas cards, etc.
- Thank you for the uptick in volunteers
- Battle of the Books was on February 10 in cafeteria. Lots of students participated in school wide battle. Regional final is tomorrow at Lincoln. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is sending the Nerdy Snails from Kampa's room, 4<sup>th</sup> grade is sending the Big Pig Chickens from Rumpf.

### **Glow Ball Recap – Mickey:**

- Estimated that 400-500 people attended, very successful event.
- Custodian amazing.
- Middle school volunteers very helpful.
- Committee had an easy set up.
- Could use more volunteers for clean up.
- People had a great time.
- PTO gives 5 blue tickets per child at social worker request.
- Could possibly run a shuttle next year to make event more inclusive.
- Made 47 hats, made \$500, \$1828 other income, total income: \$2337. Spent more this year on

items like extension cords, lights, sponges, and other supplies that can be reused. Spent \$800. Total profit: around \$1500.

- Did not ask for as many donations this year. Waters leftover from last year. Regent Co-op donated juice. \$50 gift card from Metcalfe's to buy sparkling water.
- General discussion on fundraising and donations.
- Will send survey in newsletter.
- If anyone has photos – make a folder in Dropbox to promote for next year.

### **Upcoming Events – Caitlin:**

- **MCM Night 2/25:** Busing is all set, sending to three locations that the social worker picked – Bayview, Park Cedar, University Heights. Covered by MCM grant. Flyers will go in backpacks on Friday.

Discussion on signage and bus monitors.

Discussion on event execution and accessibility. There is funding to do it again next year, but if it's not a good event we don't have to repeat.

- **Super Science Sunday 3/16:** Need to get out a sign up genius for this – food donations, volunteers for event.

### **2025-26 Open Roles – Caitlin:**

- Lots of returning members lined up for next year
- Need a fundraising chair: Fall fundraiser is the big event. Making posters and fliers and communication for fundraiser. Shorewood had more success this year with more frequent posts and highlighting PTO events and activities.
- Need an events coordinator: Fall play date, fall movie night, children's museum night, spring game event, play date at Bayview.
- Need another Newsletter Editor: doesn't need to attend meetings.
- Need a secretary.

Discussion on recruitment and how people got involved.

### **Treasurer Report – Lisa & Ashley C:**

- Exec meeting for next year's budget early March.
- Lisa will meet with principals and secretaries over the summer.
- Will have leftover money from Glow Ball.
- Teacher Appreciation money is per school to decide how to use.
- Have been surveying teachers on best ways to support them over the year – small amounts every year or larger amounts every other year, etc.

### **Teacher Appreciation – Caitlin:**

- Katie is organizing again.
- Franklin and Randall have picked dates.
- Katie has all the help she needs at Franklin, but needs help at Randall. Can recruit volunteers in no one from PTO is able to.
- Has sign up genius ready to go, will send it out closer to the date.

## **After School Programs**

- Spanish classes: 45 at Franklin – 3 rosters of 15. There is a waitlist still. Randall has a lot as well, not sure on final numbers.
- Running club: filled up in minutes, was capped at a smaller group than people realized there would be. Flyer did not communicate sign up date or time. Several families didn't get in. No call for coaches. Can improve in the future. Girls on the Run has a waitlist, lottery, limit on number of teams at schools. Could have a lottery for slots next year.

## **Adopt A School**

- Thoreau and Leopold both have PTO reps that engage with “adopt a school” partner through Madison Public Schools Foundation.
- M3 Insurance is Franklin's partner – have been very supportive.
  - Emily meets with a rep from MPSF and a rep from M3 Insurance to go over goals, what went well, ways Franklin can be supported.
  - They provide space in the summer for staff professional learning
  - snack drive at beginning of school year
  - Amazon wish list to purchase items from.
  - They have done volunteer events – came and served pizza at open house.
  - Company has 5-10 hours of volunteer time built in.
  - Bring in staff snacks.
  - Provided breakfast for staff.
  - Gift giving during holiday season – adopted 10 families, deliver wrapped gifts.
- No partner at Randall currently. It used to be Wisconsin Athletics, but they picked up other schools with higher needs.
- Cherokee had six partners when Dr. Wright was there.
- Hoping to set up a partner for next year.
- There will be a meeting soon with the MPSF rep and the west side PTO presidents.

## **School Supplies – Sarah:**

- Changing school supply supplier to First Day School Supplies.
- Will be working on links this week.
- Will be reaching out to schools to confirm supply lists for next year.
- Will as a non-fundraiser (families are charged what the kits cost, no more).
- Kits shipped to homes rather than schools.
- Discussion on ways to promote buying extra kits for families in need

**Danyelle** – last day is supposed to be Friday, but has not gotten verification yet.

**Adjourned:** 6:52pm.