

Franklin-Randall PTO Board Meeting
5/13/25 5:30pm
Franklin Elementary School – Wonder Workshop

Attendees: Mickey Willis, Caitlin Voegele, Ashley Russell, Susannah Rockman-Lee, Jennie Bastian, Soumya Palreddy, Amanda Franklin, Lisa Hawk, John Wallace, Owen Sizemore, Beth Waldron, Vickie Eiden, Colleen Manner, Brian Schneirow, Kemper Smith, Sarah Levin, Emily Powers, Kate Freedman.

Call to order: 5:37pm

Minutes: Lisa motions to approve April minutes, Soumya seconds, motion carries.

Money for Hmong Reading – Lisa:

- Received an email from Julie looking for \$250 re: Hmong reading related event today to cover food purchase
- John thinks they have this covered and will let us know if they need more funds

Adding Social Media Form to Website – Jennie:

- Jennie shared draft of newsletter submission form
- Suggestion to list newsletter schedule on page
- Suggestion to list newsletter editor email on page if people need help
- Discussion on why to not use a google form
- Ashley R. and Jennie will implement over the summer

Grants Program Pictures – Soumya:

- Presentation of grants photos in action
- Will share in newsletter after getting approval for photos

End of Year Picnic – Caitlin:

- Picnic is set for Monday, June 9
- PTO will serve freeze pops, ice cream sandwiches
- Discussion on serving water
- Need volunteers to pass things out and manage line, may be able to fill with West students
- Need someone to acquire items and store
- Sarah pre-ordered from Pick & Save last year
- Ellen wants to make it special for Yvonne, so expecting more families than usual
- Make signs – one per student, mark hands/stamp
- Discussion on dry ice and coolers
- Sarah will order 500 freeze pops and 500 ice cream sandwiches

Approve current parking status – Brian:

- Due to confusion on how to manage parking proceeds, Brian created a document with:
 - history and details of PTO resolution from 2018
 - outline of plan for next year
 - In the fall the parking committee will come up with plan on how to evolve or move forward
- Document here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GgppxrnrD7v8GMSnE0RVGRuT->

[gd1RNOGu1tzXQNaemA/edit?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BQ8BB2sLInfOfysLI0gm7pwbJuJYTYpm/view)

- Discussion on Title 1 and community schools
- Lisa motions to approve the document provided by Brian, Jennie seconds. Motion carries.

Summer Parking Update – Colleen:

- Recap of meeting with parks department rep:
 - upper lot belongs to Olive Jones Park
 - PTO only has approval to use it for 7 football games
 - it's a public park and is meant to be a playground
 - lot is not designed for cars, which add more wear and tear, requiring lot to be resurfaced more frequently
 - city is looking over all permits in parks and reviewing past “handshake” deals
 - discovered we have the wrong type of permit (vending) due to hours the park is not available to the public
 - will be updating to an event permit, which will double the cost (from \$900 to \$2000)
 - will increase parking expenses in budget
 - the upper parking will not be available for any other events
- Still have the Randall lower parking lots with 30 spots in them
- Frank Productions:
 - wants to sublet for 9 days in June and 7 in July
 - They would contract through MMSD, PTO would not be involved, money would go to MMSD
 - PTO can say no to Frank and sell parking ourselves
- Discussion on possibility of selling spots for parking with tickets or the 3 nights of concerts – 2 in June, 1 in July
- Discussion on equity and giving back to the community
- Quick poll:
 - Should we allow Frank Productions to potentially contract with MMSD for Randall's lot? If MMSD doesn't contract, inform us and we will sell parking? (2 votes)
 - Should we tell them no, we plan to do a PTO fundraiser for summer concert parking? (4 votes)
 - Should we tell Frank to deal with MMSD and hopefully make a PTO donation? (7 votes)
- Discussion on give back funds
- Brian will move forward as follows: connect with MMSD to ask if they'd like to work with Frank directly or if they'd allow the PTO to run parking (for the PTO's benefit)
- Discussion on press

Playground Update & Flash Dash – Kemper/Caitlin:

- Kemper has been meeting with Saiki Design (landscape architecture firm) to develop concepts
- They presented several options, we have chosen the middle path in terms of expense
- Link to presentation:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BQ8BB2sLInfOfysLI0gm7pwbJuJYTYpm/view>
- This includes adding turf, fixing drainage, moving existing structures, emphasis on natural plants, pollinator gardens, large track around outside and middle of playground, keep existing swing sets and playground equipment
- Having them work phasing into the plan
- Goal to raise money this fall and winter to do 1st phase next summer
- Has not gotten any idea on budget yet, should be coming tomorrow morning
- Estimating will be difficult because district can provide some services, but we will need to

- provide others
- We will need to fundraise outside of community – we need someone who knows how to fundraise with community partners
- Will need money by March 2026 to break ground next summer
- Playground Committee (Sarah, Caitlin, Kemper, Lynne) will work over the summer to fundraise
- Discussion on finding a fundraising point person
- Confident we can do something next summer, but if we can't raise more funds it may just be the drain
- Has met with MMSD, once we have the designs, they can go to meet with their boss to see what MMSD can contribute
- Will get feedback at Flash Dash from parents and teachers
- Saiki will take feedback and refine
- Kemper will make visualization to use in fundraising

Principal Updates – Emily:

- Has been a great month!
- Had music concerts, very proud of performers.
- Flash Dash is on Thursday
- Had incoming parent kindergarten orientation tonight
- 1st grade plays are happening
- 5K is in quarter of greatness, getting ready for 1st
- 2nd graders went to Randall last week for tour

Principal Updates – John:

- Hosted 2nd graders on tour
- Had 5th graders visit Wright and Hamilton
- Has had a few field trips – ice skating for 3rd grade, ice age trail for 4th grad
- Mr. Moore has been getting the ukulele group into garden
- Toured a new teacher from Leopold around Randall
- Yvonne is leaving
- Getting to know new staff and say goodbyes
- Has been working on connecting with kids one on one amidst the busy-ness of the end of year
- Question: Will kids ever get to eat in Randall lunch room?
 - Present plan for next year is to continue to eat in classroom
 - From past experiences there are challenges to eating in cafeteria
 - During Covid, encouraged teachers to play videos during lunch to keep students facing forward
 - Discussion on kids who have never eaten in a cafeteria and watching videos while eating
 - Will continue this conversation and get parent input for next year
- Question: Do you plan to set expectations about bringing devices to school for next year?
 - Will plan to send something out at the beginning of the year, policy will stay the same
 - Leaving devices in the office has been successful

Restorative Justice Training for Caregivers (October 2025) – Soumya:

- Soumya and partner are restorative justice practitioners and would like to run a restorative justice program for caregivers
- Restorative justice is relationship building

- Many teachers incorporate these practices into classrooms with circles, focus on repairing harm after conflicts
- PTO will explore possibility to host event and bring in a practitioner next year

Vote 2025-26 Board – Caitlin:

- Presentation of slate:

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Members at large:

Jennie Bastian (Social Media)

Soumya Palreddy (Grants)

Kemper Smith (Playground)

Beth Waldron (Staff Appreciation)

Anne Reis (Garden)

Colleen Manner (Parking)

Ashley Check (Parking)

Owen Sizemore (Treasurer & Finance)

Ashley Russell (Website & Technology)

Mickey Willis (Glow Ball)

Amanda Franklin (Events)

Dan Stolz (Garden)

- Need a co-volunteer coordinator for Kate
- Need another newsletter editor

- Ashley R. motions to approve the slate, Lisa seconds, motion carries.

Adjourned: 6:59pm