

Franklin/Randall PTO Meeting Agenda

1/13/2026, 5:30p

Randall Elementary LMC

Topic	Duration	Speaker	Time End	Actions
Approve December Minutes	5 min	Caitlin	5:35	
Principal Updates	10 min	John/Emily	5:45	
Parking Plan	10 min	Brian	5:55	
Glow Ball	10 min	Mickey	6:05	
Super Science Saturday	10 min	Samip	6:15	
President Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundraising• Playground• 2026/2027	5 min	Caitlin	6:20	
Commute or break	10 min		6:30	
school board candidates - hosted by Lapham and Marquette PTO	1 hour	https://zoom.us/j/92904266834	7:30	

Attendees: Lisa Hawk, Caitlin Voegele, Kate Freedman, Samip Kothari, John Wallace, Kemper Smith, Mickey Willis, Amanda Franklin, Ashley Russell, Colleen Manner, Brian Schneirow
Online: Ann Reis, Hailey, Ashley Check, Emily Powers, Sarah Levin

1. Approval of December Minutes – Lisa motions to approve, Mickey seconds, motion carries
2. Glow Ball – Mickey
Everything has been coming together and going well. Will all be on the first floor, no LMC. Not sure how volunteers are. Will circulate sign up again. Hat stuff is at Lisa's. Reminder tht hat ladies retired, supplies will run out in 1-2 years and then we will likely retire hats.
3. Super Science Saturday – Samip
Looks like all exhibitors will be back again. Will send out volunteer sign up after glow ball. Discussion on transportation to see if we can increase participation from kids who aren't within walking distance. We could pull from social justice or discretionary to do yellow buses from Bayview or offer cabs. Have had trouble connecting with Bayview. Samip will go in person to try to see what's going on. Discussion on neighborhoods

south of Franklin. Discussion on pros and cons of offering transportation in general and that kids need adult supervision.

4. President Update – Caitlin

a. Fundraising

Raised \$12460, so \$460 over target. Were at \$8k at new year and received some large donations and some smaller ones. We were \$3000 short on parking, so budget is still a little off, ok for this year but will need to address deficit next year (will have about \$4000 less)

Discussion on PEG groups and if they will go forward next year because it is a large line item in budget and has not been drawn on yet. Groups have been somewhat person specific and demographics have changed. Unsure what will happen going forward. Intention was to give marginalized populations voice and empower them. Will need to revisit for next year to look at history of how groups were founded and see if we can rekindle.

Emily: Latino PEG group has not wanted to meet due to climate of community/world. Not a large appetite currently but who knows in future. Money is unlikely to be spent this year. Bayview group: last year Tonya and Rachel took this on and has not been as much of a focus this year. Will need to re-adjust leadership team to make it happen next year. Will surprise her if we wind up paying anyone for this year.

b. Franklin Playground

The project is in a frustrating spot. Radio silence from building facilities. Cannot use Madison Schools Foundation for grants. Working on connecting with building facilities more. May email school board directly to try to get some things in motion. We will do something this summer – at least drain and some equipment. Hard to fundraise without knowing what we can accomplish via building facilities. Will do a go fund me (or similar) campaign for summer phase. Trying to see about plaques with donor names for fence. MMSD will be handling the right of way issue and moving in the fence for a wider sidewalk.

Discussion on fundraising campaign logistics. Money will be received and held by PTO and then donated back to MMSD.

Discussion on fundraising platforms: PayPal account, Go Fund Me, Donorbox, Give Lively, Zeffy. Ashley R. will compile a list of options.

c. 2026/2027 Planning

Will be recruiting for a lot of positions for next year: vice president, fundraising, glow ball lead, directory, treasurer trainee, staff appreciation, playground committee (project management), parking co-chair trainee. Will put together a recruiting flyer.

Need to find someone for fundraising. The playground needs a big donation and someone who has experience. PTO has lots of small fundraising ideas but no one to execute them. We did interview someone to hire, but it was expensive and we weren't ready. Discussion on past history – M3 Insurance was going to commit to redoing playground 8 years ago. Now they are Franklin's Adopt A School partner and offers volunteers, but has yet to commit to monetary donations.

5. Principal Updates

- a. John – kids came back from break charged up and ready to go. They look like they've grown! It's been glorious having everyone back. Lots of sporting events. Looking at staffing for next year now. Putting together pieces so they can see what next year looks like once they get allocation. At F&R looking at how they're doing with academic goals as well as behavior and cultural goals.
- b. Emily – lots of illness for staff and students. Make sure to wash your hands! It's happening really quickly, so really trying to make sure everyone stays healthy and communicating to keep sick kids home. Franklin had an assembly yesterday that went well. Excited to wrap up semester. Kids putting building blocks of literacy skills together and cracking the code to reading, which is an exciting time.

6. Parking Plan

Parking group got together to assess give back funds. Currently any given school gets funds every six years, so by the time it comes back around no one knows about it, which makes it hard to plan for. Going forward, every year PTO will take the total give back amount for that year, divide by the number of Title 1 schools, and will distribute evenly among them each year. Typically there are 10-14 Title 1 schools, so there will be \$750-1000 per school per year.

Brian motions to set our parking give back plan as follows: Income from 2/7 (total number of home football games divided by two) of total funds raised from parking cars on the playground (upper) lot every all year (less expenses), shall be distributed equally among that school year's Title 1 schools. Mickey seconds, motion carries.

Brian will send links to documents. Caitlin will add to PTO google drive.

Adjourned: 6:20pm.