

Franklin/Randall PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026, 5:30pm

Location: Randall Elementary LMC and Google Meet

Topic	Duration	Speaker	Time End	Actions
Approve January Minutes	5 min	Ashley R	5:35	
Principal Updates	15 min	John/Emily	5:50	
Glow Ball Recap	10 min	Mickey	6:00	
Madison Children's Museum Night	5 min	Amanda	6:05	
Super Science Saturday	10 min	Samip	6:15	
Playground Update	15 min	Caitlin	6:30	

Attendees: Lisa Hawk, Caitlin Voegele, Amanda Franklin, Kemper Smith, John Wallace, Ashley Russell, Mickey Willis, Soumya Palreddy, Jennie Bastian, Brian Schneirow

Online: Vickie Eiden, Kate Freedman, Emily Powers

1. **Approval of January Minutes** – will approve via email since they were submitted late.
2. **Playground Update** – Caitlin
 - a. Caitlin emailed the school board to express frustration over slow speed and was assigned a new building facilities contact and things are now going well.
 - b. Made a new page on website with fundraising campaign via Zeffy
 - c. Documented money raised thus far (since 2022) in Zeffy campaign
 - d. A parent with fundraising experience stepped up to help with campaign
 - e. Have a four year plan in phases
 - f. Every phase needs around \$150k
 - i. Phase 1 – fixing the foundation
 - ii. Phase 2 – growing inclusive play
 - iii. Phase 3 – connecting play & community
 - iv. Phase 4 – a playground for every ability
3. **Madison Children's Museum Night** – Amanda
 - a. Busing challenges – no one seems to know the process, having issues working out the details
 - b. Jennie made flyers – ready to go in newsletter
 - c. Amanda, Caitlin and Emily will work on buses

4. **Principal Updates** – John & Emily

John:

- a. Battle of the Books at Randall today
- b. Yesterday was National African American Parent Involvement Day where Randall came together with staff and children and had a brunch as Part of Read Your Heart Out / Black History Month. The principal from West was there and made a speech and kids sang a song. Brunch went well, will continue with that next year. Thanks for funding.
- c. Looking towards spring and enjoying the last of the snow.

Emily:

- a. Wrapping up projects for reading & writing units over the past month with topics around trees, birds, pollinators.
- b. Planning for Read Your Heart out next week.
- c. 2nd graders working with musician artist in residence and there will be a concert for families and school members

5. **Glow Ball Recap** – Mickey

- a. It was great!
- b. Big turnout – estimating 690 guests, 600 in the first 45 minutes.
- c. Came in above budget even with tickets being sold for \$.50 instead of \$1. Gave more to social worker than in past years.
- d. Some confusion on tickets being able to be used for hats, would be good to make communication on that more clear.
- e. Could offer hat specific coupons via social worker – could give 10 tickets with hat coupon.
- f. Made \$500 above budget.
- g. The committee definitely needs to be bigger. Mickey and Amanda were there until 9pm. Could make a few small committees to divide the work.
- h. Ideas on how to increase involvement next year:
 - i. Asking people to commit at the beginning of the year and communicate what needs to be done and how many people.
 - ii. Idea to make a print newsletter to go out at the end of year with a letter from Caitlin.
- i. The quiet room location was tricky.
- j. Lots of people loved Franklin, others did not.
- k. Next year – swap locations for hats and face painting.

6. **Super Science Saturday** – Samip

Will check in with Samip on volunteers and transportation.

7. **Let Me Run** – Lisa

- a. Ian is leading
- b. Will do a lottery for sign up. There are only 14 spots, there are 5 coaches and each of their kids gets a spot so actually only 9 additional spots.
- c. Need to pay to rent the hallway \$10/time. Girls on the Run pays it directly but adds it to the registration fee. Could add to the registration fee for next year.

Playground update – plan to make a video with staff & kids.

Spirit gear – smaller fundraiser for Franklin. Need someone to set up and manage it.

Adjourned: 6:48pm