

Franklin/Randall PTO Meeting Agenda

9/08/2026, 5:30p

Franklin Elementary LMC

Attendees:

Kate, Lisa, Jenny, Susannah Brian , Kemper, Ashley Russel, Lynn (incoming treasurer), Natalie, Amanda, Principal Wallace, Vicky, Soumya, Anna, Principal Powers, Ashley Check, Colleen, Mickey, Marissa (online)

Topic	Duration	Speaker	Time End	Actions
Welcome and Introductions	5 min	Kate	5:35	Next meeting - vote in off cycle Treasury position
Present & vote on budget	10 min	Brian	5:45	Share out <u>budget</u>
Principal Updates	15 min	John/Emily	6:00	
Playground updates - Phase I updates	10 min	Emily / Caitlin	6:10	Remaining fundraising efforts to focus on playground equipment
Volunteer needs -PTO Membership -Upcoming Events	10 min	Kate	6:20	Promote volunteer needs with fellow Franklin/Rand all parents
Planning Calendar - Preview Upcoming Month	10 min	Kate	6:30	Kate will send out a request to add tasks by month for each PTO role

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves

Present & vote on budget

No major changes to spending

Income ~ \$10k or lower than last couple of years

Parking - one less game due to first game at Lambeau

Spending is neutral

Increases - More class sections, staff appreciation, discretionary spending

PEG - they have not been using the funds

Add the community liaison group to the website

Need a community liaison chair to spearhead these, currently a Bayview and Latino PEG groups previously identified

What did we change?

Give back for parking will be reduced

Admin expenses will be reduced

Reason for no real change - due to cost efficiencies

Brian reviewed quickbooks and found \$10k and added it into our reserves

Vote on the budget - Passed

ADD link to budget in notes

Future request - provide the budget in advance

Principal Updates

Principal Wallace

Shared photo of staff

Did something different this year - Randall staff community visits / Meet and greets

- Bayview
- Park Cedar
- Catholic Multicultural Center

Encouraged by participations, will rethink time of days for visits, was good bonding with current and new family and Randall staff relationships

Places, Spaces, Faces - meet their teachers, see lockers, desks, and drop off school supplies

Putting together an event on 9/17 Tri-Pop - Popcorn, Popsicles and Pop In

Principal Powers

Exciting start to the school year

Playground - All asphalt is gone and grass is in, there is shade, kids are using the path a lot for run, walk, play

Recess restrictions - grass is new and we have to let it grow in

9/8 - Today is the first day students played in the grass, played soccer today and no skinned knees!

Having a positive Impact from having grass to play on. Noticing a decrease in nurse visits from playing on asphalt

2025 46/visits per week and 2026 22 visits per week

Total visits 88visits/week avg., 2026 38 visits last week

First week of school focus on building community - learning routines

Sown to Grown Rollout

Social Emotional Learning

New curriculum voted in this July by school board for implementation in 2026/2027 School Year

Delivering lessons, Franklin will not be using student technology for the lessons

There are some supplemental technology components that are interesting but will not be using it, will continue to explore

Staff has been trained

Action item - Let's revisit this in November PTO meeting, there may be interest in a specific meeting on this

There had been messaging that has gone out, principals will continue to communicate with parents on this topic

If parents want to get involved with a parent group on the topic of tech in the classrooms, here is a link. This is parents from multiple MMSD schools.

<https://parentcheck.wixsite.com/parent-check-on-tech>

Playground updates

Nearing end of Phase I process, got more than we anticipated in this phase

Original Phase I only included pipe and drain and new swings

Finished with infrastructure portion of this project

Phase I - hope for remaining equipment in this phase coming late fall

What is next?

Existing middle structure that we cut in half will get a facelift, the district is going to replace this and refurbish it, adding another slide

Will purchase swings where wood chips are and some more ground play

Fall trees will be planted

There is a muddy area - in the spring we will do a spring planting and put Wisconsin native plants and bushes (maybe a butterfly garden). Will be looking for plant and bush donations

Upcoming phases

Concrete play options - these will be more fun and hopefully more straightforward to fundraise for

Have a few new families interested in supporting fundraising efforts for upcoming phases

Emily will send Ashley interim update on playground to update the website

Jenny can put it out on socials and comms channels

Jenny can help with plants and donations

Upcoming - weekend sign up for watering - Emily will send this request out

Kate will organize the 2.0 fundraising meeting

Planning Calendar

- Kate is going to send out a link to the PTO with an ask to add tasks that happen each month based on each role in the PTO
- Anna is going to help put together a month by month calendar - this should help provide a visual as people roll on and off the board
- Includes this year's events now, want to add in planning activity and events

Volunteer Needs

There will be a good amount of attrition on the board after this year

Ask for meeting attendees - promote open roles with neighbor parents, friends and others in the Franklin/Randall

Biggest Needs

- Incoming President / Vice Presidents
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Liaison
- Fall Fundraiser - schedule of what needs to be shared and when, graphics (Jenny), timeline organization (Lisa), Ashley Check and Anna can provide physical copy in schools, Jenny will send flyer files to Lisa

Next Meeting October 13th

Agenda item for next meeting- off cycle board position add on Treasurer in training Lynn Cotter