

MEETING MINUTES

RMS PTO MEETING

April 8, 2016, RF Library Meeting Room

Meeting Called To Order by: Sarah Lempia Time: 9:21 am

Present: Sarah Lempia, Stephanie Schrodt, Stephanie Wernet, Allison Parrell, Marisa Green, Sally Gibbs, Larry Garstki, Maureen Spielman, Julie Moller, Teresa Peavy, Misty Olson, Sarah Hampson, Tara Zinger, Stacey Williams

Executive and Administrative Reports

Presidents' Report

Sarah Lempia and Stephanie Schrodt

- The March 11, 2016 minutes were approved.
- PTO Grants: we have all but two of the PTO Grants fulfilled. We bought, for the 8th graders, a SmartDocument 450 Camera, which works with the Smartboard in math. We purchased six sewing machines for the 6th graders' IDU project. Science teachers have received various items for their science curriculum. PTO also made a grant for the 5th graders to attend a production at the children's theater. A 3D printer is being chosen and will be purchased in June.
- We have several speakers coming to RMS. Next Thursday Erin Walsh will speak about special education. We also have an IMPACT speaker coming soon (see below).
- Next Friday is the Cultural Extravaganza from 6-8:30 pm; volunteers are needed.
- April 27 is Administrative Staff Appreciation Day.
- Hospitality Committee will have Teacher Appreciation the first week of May.
- Exterior Project: Sarah handed out a diagram of RMS exterior then pointed out where various donations from the PTO will be placed. This includes twelve benches and seven game tables. We will have some equipment for six months then ask the teachers and recess coordinator what is liked and what additional items we can get. Sarah moved for the purchase of these benches and game tables, this was seconded, and the board members present all agreed on the purchase of these benches and game tables (motion passed).

Treasurer's Report

Stephanie Wernet

- Stephanie reviewed the report for March.

Principal's/Superintendent's Report

Larry Garstki

- Larry presented a combined principal's and superintendent's report.
- Larry would like to bring in a speaker to talk to parents about family planning in regards to technology so families can have a technology plan for the home.
- Allison Hawley is the new Director of Curriculum.
- PARCC testing is soon. Fifth graders will take it the week of April 18, and the following week will be for 6th-8th graders. PARCC information from these tests is not as good the MAP tests for feedback for the teachers.
- Green4Good recommended that the wipes used to clean the lunch tables were too strong; now we use diluted Dawn soap with towels.
- RMS is getting ready for end of school year and getting ready for next year. There are two classes, 8th and 6th, that will be larger than average next year.

Board Liaisons' Report

Marisa Green

- The Board is searching for a replacement for Pat Meyer, the Board's president.
- The Board has hired the National Equity Project to provide equity training to the teachers and staff so all students get the same education. This will begin in August.
- The ceiling, LED lighting and HVAC work were reviewed. There will be additional office space added for a new social worker.

Administrative Reports

Grade Coordinator Updates:

- 5th grade: None.

- 6th grade: April 22 will be kickoff day for Animal Care League. The kids will make toys for the animals and make signs encouraging others to donate pet food for the ACL. The kids will work on the IDU project using the new sewing machines donated by the PTO.

- 7th grade: None.

- 8th grade: The letter for graduation will go out next week. Career Day coordinators will meet with Larry. Graduation, dance and activities are going as planned.

IMPACT

Maureen Spielman

- A small group has been put together to inform parents on how to talk to your kids about the future and what to expect after Roosevelt. It will be an interactive event. An officer from RFPD will also come and speak re parties and what parents should know. This will be April 21 at 7 pm in the multi-purpose room.

Teacher Liaison

Tara Zinger

- Thanks to the PTO for all the donations

Green4Good

Julie Moller

- Recycling Extravaganza is May 7; this probably will be the last one because it is too expensive. Household electronics like televisions can be recycled but for a fee.

- There is also a recycling event in Westchester as well.

- For the exterior project the committee will work on moving the plants outside the nurses' office window.

- April is the CanDo challenge for Oak Park Food Pantry between OPRF and d90. Each team gets points for their food can and monetary donations.

- 8th grade lock-in went well and was on budget.

FUN LUNCH

Maria Preuhs

- Fun Lunch is in need of volunteers for next Friday's Fun Lunch.

- Larry drew the volunteer of the month and it is Jean Baker.

Stephanie Schrodt announced there will be a end of year PTO party, sometime in May.

Meeting adjourned 10:28 am

Allison Parrell
PTO Secretary