

Rand Road PTA Minutes
August 13, 2024 – 6:00PM
Rand Road Media Center & Google Meet

Call to order: 6:02 PM motion to call to order made by Meghan Luzader; 2nd made by Jamie Endres; all approved

In-Person:

Amanda Griffin (PTA President), Jeff Peeler (Co-Vice President), Jamie Endres (Co-Vice President), Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary), Kristen Kudenov (PTA Treasurer), Meghan Luzader, Jordan Luzader, Sara Holmes, Tammy Carey, Chandra Banner, Megan Chvatal, Linda Rivera, Ivette Betancourt, Laura Norton, Kimberly Williams, Larissa Bryant, Monte Moss, Elizabeth Edwards, Mike Williamson, David Casasanto, Dana Robertson, Joel Gillette, Amanda Hunter-Kelly

Virtual: Yanya Huddleston, Elizabeth Krchnavek, Jacqueline Newton, Georgette D'Andraia, Nailea Large

Welcome and Introduction of 2024-2025 PTA Board Members:

- Amanda Griffin (PTA President)
- Jeff Peeler (Co-Vice President)
- Jamie Endres (Co-Vice President)
- Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary)
- Kristen Kudenov (PTA Treasurer)

We currently have 102 PTA members but hopefully that grows as the year goes on. Being a PTA member means you have a voting voice when we have votes on budget, activities we do and other things.

Approval of last meeting's minutes (June 10, 2024): A motion was made by Jamie Endres; Kristen Kudenov seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Treasurer's Update

The Financial Review Committee which is composed of RRES PTA Members Ashley Cox, Sara Holmes and Jamie Endres completed the 2023-2024 review of our RRES PTA financials. The total Revenue for last year was \$71,341.46 and the total expenditures totaled \$75,594.11 for a net revenue of -\$252.65.

2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Our projected expenses for this coming school year are currently \$59,404.00 with a projected income of \$60,600.00. Approval of the 2024-2025 PTA budget: A motion was made by Sara Holmes; Jamie Endres seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

2024-2025 PTA Chair Position Suggestions

- Beautification - Jeff Peeler
- Spring Carnival - Amanda Griffin

- Cultural Arts - Jamie Endres
- Fun Run - Everyone!
- Helping Dr Herring with Field Day
- Glow Night - Meghan Luzader
- Movie Night - Jeff Peeler, Jamie Endres
- Science Fair - **Needed - help organize the science fair, coordinate with parents and answer questions, help set up on the day of (help the kids arrange their boards), select the judges and arrange for them to attend on the day of.**
- Science Garden - Kristen Kudenov
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Jamie Endres and Elizabeth Edwards
- Yearbook - Dawn Carroll
- Communication - Sara Holmes

PTA Standing Committee Positions

- Audit Committee
 - Sara Holmes
 - Jamie Endres
 - Ashley Cox
- Advocacy Committee - The advocacy committee shall develop and organize meetings, activities, and programs to further the goals and purposes of PTA. This committee is tasked with improving communications and relationships between school staff and families; educating families and caregivers on important issues related to the health and educational success of their children; and helping to make each child's potential a reality
- Nomination Committee - The nominating committee shall be comprised of an odd number and no fewer than three members; at least two of the committee members shall be board members and at least one committee member shall be a member of the local PTA who does not serve on the board. b. Neither the president nor the principal shall be a member of the nominating committee. c. Throughout the year, the nominating committee is tasked with identifying talented, motivated, and responsible individuals to serve as officers of this local PTA. d. Prior to the last general membership meeting each fiscal year, the nominating committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for officers of this local PTA for the coming year, and the president shall include that slate in the notice for the last general membership meeting, and the chair of the nominating committee shall place such names in nomination at that meeting, and the election shall be conducted as provided in Section 6.2 of these bylaws.
 - Ashley Cox
 - Jeff Peeler
 - Sara Holmes

Go, Play, Save Coupon Book Fundraiser

This fundraiser starts today! Our school goal is \$3000 and we are raising funds for digital education resources for teachers such as brain pop (about \$1000), the lease on the color printer for the office (\$720), as well as funding field trips for our students. The cost will be \$35 per book - \$50 for mobile bundle and the PTA keeps 50% of all sales. The final date for collection or online sales is September 4, 2024.

Prizes include - Earn 1 free book for every 5 books sold (can be paper or mobile); the top selling student in the school gets a Game Show Night at Game On Escapes for up to 12 people (must sell at least 30 books); the top five (5) selling students in each grade get a Free Ice Cream card to Menchie's Frozen Yogurt; and the top selling classroom get a DQ Dilly Bar Ice Cream party.

Fall Book Fair

The dates for the fall book fair are September 9-13. Volunteers needed during the day Monday-Friday and additional volunteers for Math Mall Night on Thursday, September 12. YOU must be an approved WCPSS volunteer before signing up.

Ms. Tronic recorded a great video showcasing books that she was able to purchase last year from the Book Fair and show the reason why we do the book fair. The school also has a committee working on a plan for updating all the books in the library. Out of 20,000+ books, XXXXX are from the year 2000 or older.

T-Shirt Sponsorship Update

So far we have raised \$2300 in total sponsorships with Kid to Kid in Garner being our Platinum Sponsor for this year. Our gold sponsors as of now are Mind and Body Therapeutic Connections, Foundations Family Therapy, Dr. Charles Ashley Mann Dental, Carolina Insurance Group, Century 21 Towne and Country, and Site One with our silver sponsor being Wells Family Dental and Witherspoon Rose Culture. We do not currently have any bronze level sponsors.

The amounts to sponsor each level are:

- Platinum (only one) = \$500
- Gold = \$250
- Silver = \$150
- Bronze = \$50

With the help of these sponsors, we can provide all students, teachers and staff with a free t-shirt.

If you work at a local business or own a local business, let us know if you are interested in one of the sponsor levels. We have forms available in the front office on the PTA board.

Teacher Appreciation

This year, instead of monthly snacks, we will be trying to be more intentional in what we provide for the staff and teachers. We are thinking of doing some quarterly meals along with our special holiday party carts. We will be sending out Sign Up Genius links for each opportunity for specific things for these events.

If you would like to be on the committee to help plan Teacher Appreciation Snacks, meals, and treats, please email us at randroadpta@gmail.com.

We need help with planning, securing sponsors for meals, serving, decor and more!

Principal's Report

Title 1 Update - Part of getting the funding is to make sure that parents are aware of what it means to be a Title 1 school. Title 1 is Federal Funding that was originally for the Every Child Succeeds

To help students and the school access resources needed for quality instruction.

It is decided who is Title 1 by how many students received DHHS services - at least at 40% of the

school population.

65 WCPSS schools receive Title finding for 23-25 school year. These funds benefit all students in the school through schoolwide programs.

We want to make sure that we partner with families to promote success for all students through family engagement. RRES has a Family Engagement policy which talks about detailing what is included in Title 1 and a Family Engagement Compact - talks about what parents and students will do as part of this program. You will get this form sent home with your student this Friday, August 16. Please complete and send back in as soon as you can.

Question from the chat:

How is the Title 1 status determined? Status for next school year is determined in March of each year and is determined by the number of families receiving low-income assistance.

Amount is per child for the entire school but is variable by the number of schools that qualify. The county gets a set amount from the federal government and is divided among all the schools.

School Improvement Representative - as part of our School Improvement Plan made up of teachers, administrators and student support staff and parent representation. Last year's representative was Chandra Banner and is willing to serve on it again. A motion was made to accept Chandra Banner by Jamie Endres; seconded by Kristen Kudenov. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER WITH WCPSS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

Other Fundraising Options

- Link your Harris Teeter VIP card (this needs to be renewed every year) and also Lowes Food rewards card
- Spirit Wear store - LOTS of options, we earn 10% of every order. We are currently having one of the biggest sales of the year going on. Check it out and purchase some cool different school spirit wear.
- Rent the Rock - \$25 per week - can go to our website to rent it for birthdays, celebrations, shoutouts, positive messages, etc.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

Go, Play, Save Coupon Book Kickoff - 8/13

School Beautification Day - TBD September

Go, Play, Save Coupon Book Deadline - 9/4

Book Fair - 9/9-9/13

Family Math Night & Book Fair Family Night - 9/12

RRES Spirit Night @ Panera Bread - 9/24 4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Last Day of Quarter 1/Track Out - 9/27

Track In - 10/21

School Beautification Day - TBD November

Fall Movie Night - 11/8
Teacher Workday/Election Day - 11/5
Fun Run - 11/22
Thanksgiving Holiday - 11/27-11/29

Open Floor

Questions from the floor - What options are there for Track-Out? Camps, Communication with classmates, etc? Email the PTA and we'll try to compile some options for you

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM; Meghan Luzader motioned to adjourn, and Larissa Bryant seconded.