

Rand Road PTA Minutes
December 14, 2023 – 6:30PM
Rand Road Media Center & Zoom

Call to order: 6:25 PM motion to call to order made by Jamie Endres 2nd made by Kristen Kudenov, all approved

In-Person:

Amanda Griffin (PTA President), Jeff Peeler (Vice President), Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary), Meghan and Jordan Luzader, Kristen Kudenov, Jamie Endres, Hannah Webb, Tammy Carey, Dawn Carroll, Mike Williamson

Virtual:

Alys McCoy, Yanya Huddleston, Georgette D'Andraia, Betsy Kennedy, Elizabeth Coates, Urgains Gabriel Vilsaint

Approval of last meeting's minutes (November 8, 2023): A motion was made by Meghan Luzader; Jamie Endres seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Treasurer's Update

November

November's starting balance was \$30,179.41 and the ending balance was \$17,088.09. Credits for the month were Book Fair funds raised and Movie Night funds raised. Debits were for the sound system, the deposit to Boosterthon for next year's Fun Run, the charter bus payment for the K-4 field trips and the difference in Scholastic funds raised..

Vote to Separate the Science Garden budget line item from the School Beautification budget line item

Kristen Kudenov is chairing the Science Garden. She estimates that no more than \$300 annually is needed for this project to be sustained. Our current School Beautification budget is at \$500 and we have currently spent \$412 (\$164 is for Science Garden) on things to make the front of the school look nicer.

The proposal is to move the remaining \$100 from School Beautification, move \$100 from the Art Budget (giving Mr. Theodore-Robinson \$400 to spend) and \$100 from Randy's Lunch Fund which is not needed for this school year.

Do we have any ideas for a fundraiser to help with the costs for the science garden? Potential sponsors could be Ken's Garden Center or another local garden center? Maybe we could get seed donations from somewhere? Mrs. Elboeck has her own nursery and could be a possible source.

A motion was made to amend the budget as presented by Tammy Carey; Hannah Webb seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Thanksgiving Meal Support

Rand Road PTA donated items to cover meals for 11 Rand Road Families for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity! Christmas needs have already been met.

Movie Night Recap

This was a great success! We've had great feedback from families that participated. Over \$700 was raised to go towards the 5th grade field trip. We also got \$150 from Kono Pizza for \$850 total. We want to plan another one of these for the spring. Daylight Savings Time changes on March 10th so maybe we should look at planning one for a night prior to that date? Maybe the money raised could go towards student appreciation in hopes to do an assembly? Currently we will just do it as a general PTA fundraiser.

March 8th is one week after Math Night but maybe we could set that date and whoever can come, comes. We can sell hand warmers, have glow sticks available. Can we maybe do a "drive-in"? We will make more concrete plans later.

Square1 Art Fundraiser Recap

We had \$1800 in sales this year and made a profit of around \$361. We only had 10% participation this year so we only keep 20% of sales vs. 33% last year with a 20% participation.

You can upload your own art and order. As long as it's ordered within our window - we still make a profit off the sales.

Glow Night

Originally scheduled for March 22 but last year there were conflicts with the talent show. This year we are moving it to February and it will tie into the 5th grade glow grams and Valentine's Day. Meghan Luzader is the chair. It is scheduled for Friday Feb 16. We are thinking of a way to recoup some of the funds spent on this event by charging possibly \$1 per person that attends.

Could we do kids under 5/3 and under, etc are free?

Meghan Luzader- there have been some generous sponsors previously, are there things that we can tap into to make it affordable to all

Urgains Gabriel Vilsaint (online)- if children are free could it be \$2 per person to even out the cost?

They will still get a free glow stick. \$1 entry would cover your free glow stick.

We will look into a more affordable food truck to provide food during the event this year. There is an idea of us buying pizza and serving it with a pre-order from the families to ensure we have enough.- The more things we add that require volunteers takes parents away from going and just being parents.

If you want to help - decorating, cleanup, manning the tables - reach out to Meghan at

mem06j@gmail.com. She will have a signup at the next PTA meeting.

Spring Carnival

The event is scheduled for May 4, 2024. We need volunteers to chair the various areas.

- Volunteer Coordinator - Organize name tags and volunteer check in, send assignments and instructions - make sign in an easier process
- Games - Help recruit folks to make new games
Organize layout of games
- Raffles - Help reach out to local/national businesses for raffle items
Create ticket process for raffle
Organize raffles day of and help with prize distribution
- Teacher Liaison - Assist with teacher baskets coordinating with staff to help collect items from families
- Prize Coordinator - Help with purchase/organization of prizes and redemption process
- Vendor Coordinator - any food/treat/misc. Vendors we want to have at the event.
- Ticket Sales - help coordinate pre-sale pickup and day of sales.

We need the raffle help immediately because we need to start working on that asap. We already have a spreadsheet so we just need someone to reach out to the list and/or if you have local contacts that you could reach out to.

Principal's Report

Next week we are getting ready to track out and next week is spirit week. It will be posted on Dojo tonight.

Get some good rest and have a great break. I can't believe that half of the year is over.

Teacher Appreciation Monthly Snacks - Jenny Dobert and Jamie Endres, project chairs

The next opportunity to help will be in February with a date TBD. The Sign Up Genius will be sent out at a later time for that.

On December 15, we will be hosting a Hot Cocoa Bar for the teachers and staff. We have all sign up slots filled for this event. Thanks to all who are contributing and helping support our staff! We will be doing a party cart and taking the goods around to the teachers.

Other Fundraising Options

- Link your Harris Teeter VIP card and also Lowes Food rewards card
- Spirit Wear store - LOTS of options, we earn 10% of every order,
- Rent the Rock - \$25 per week - can go to our website to rent it for birthdays, celebrations, shoutouts, positive messages, etc.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

RRES Staff Appreciation Hot Cocoa Bar - 12/15

Track Out/Holiday Break - 12/22

Track In - 1/25/2024

PTA Meeting (in person and virtual) - 2/7

Glow Party - 2/16
Spring Book Fair - 2/26-3/1
Book Fair Family Night/ Math Night - 2/29
Family Movie Night - 3/8
Daylight Savings Begins - 3/10
PTA General Meeting - 3/13
EOG Session after PTA Meeting from 7:00pm-7:45pm - 3/13
Holiday - Track Out - 3/29

Don't forget to volunteer if you haven't already!

Open Floor

5th grade will be selling glow grams the week before Valentine's Day. The sheet will be sent home and you can send back in with the money and who you want them to go to. The child can send it to a teacher, friend, etc. They will be delivered on Valentine's Day. All the funds go towards the 5th grade field trip.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM; Meghan Luzader motioned to adjourn, and Kristen Kudenov seconded.