

Rand Road PTA Minutes
February 7, 2024 – 6:00PM
Rand Road Media Center & Google Meet

Call to order: 6:01 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 (Vice President), Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary), Samantha Lunsford (PTA Treasurer), Sara Holmes, Meghan Luzader, Jamie Endres, Hannah Webb, Tammy Carey, Betsy Kennedy, Shirley Logan

Virtual:

Kristen Kudenov, Yanya Huddleston, Elizabeth Edwards, Georgette D'Andraia, Osiry Salinas, Ingrid Stout, Dawn Carroll

Approval of last meeting's minutes (December 14, 2023): A motion was made by Samantha Lunsford; Sara Holmes seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Treasurer's Update

December

December's starting balance was \$17,088.09 and the ending balance was \$15,499.59. Credits for the month were a donation from Benevity (Fun Run), a Givebacks (PTA) payout and a deposit from a No-Fuss Fundraiser. Debits were for the charter bus payment for the 5th grade field trip, Treats for the Troops and expenses for Movie Night.

January

January's starting balance was \$15,499.59 and the ending balance was \$14,003.08. Credits for the month were a deposit from Kono Pizza at Movie Night to go towards the 5th grade field trip and from the Lowes Foods No-Fuss Fundraiser. Debits were for the 5th grade art project.

Budget Updates

The benches in front of the school that needed to be replaced and that the PTA was going to pay for, WCPSS has agreed that this is a facility issue and will be replaced with County funds.

The Mascot costume was ordered on 1/30/2024. This may take several weeks to arrive but hopefully will be here by the Carnival.

Glow Night

Meghan Luzader is the chair. It is scheduled for Friday Feb 16. We were able to coordinate with Bach to Rock DJ School to hire our event DJ this year which is only costing us \$30 per hour plus a \$20 travel fee. This savings is allowing us to host our event for all students for FREE again.

Wear your yellow Rand Road t-shirt - if you need one you can buy one! The cafeteria will be available for some sensory friendly space with games and a place to eat. We will have lots of new glow things to sell at the event. We are still working on the prices for the items for sale. You must be a PTA member to handle the money and sell these items.

This is a FAMILY event for all members of the family to come and hang out and participate.

Jolly's Food Truck will be onsite to provide more affordable dinner options as well as some dessert items.

If you want to help - decorating, cleanup, manning the tables - reach out to Meghan at mem06j@gmail.com. The SignUp Genius for this event is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-47173475-glow>

Book Fair

The dates for the Spring Book Fair are Feb 26 - Mar 1. That is also Read Across America week. Family Night for the Book Fair along with RRES Math Night (Math Mall) will be Thursday, Feb 29 during that week. We need volunteers to staff this event and make it super successful. Sign up at the Signup Genius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-47553920-rand>

Movie Night

We are looking to potentially host a 2nd movie night for this school year on Friday, March 8. This is all depending on the weather. Daylight Savings Time starts that Sunday, March 10 which makes it difficult to host after that date. What are your thoughts on it being the week after the Book Fair? If it's cool we can sell hot chocolate and hand warmers or if it's warmer we can sell other things. Could we do it in the gym? Do we push it to the end of March and do it like a track out event? We'll continue to research and decide if it's going to happen.

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.

Amanda has already started getting raffle prizes from various vendors. We need someone who feels comfortable going to local businesses and asking them for anything that they feel like they can donate. Ms. Huddleston will help coordinate the baskets from the classes for the raffle.

We are in need of people to make some new games that will hold up and last through several years.

We have ideas for 5 games. You would donate your time and supplies to make these for the school to use. Kristen Kudenov volunteered to make a few of the games. She will let Amanda know what she's working on.

Please email the PTA if you can help us with any of these areas.

Principal's Report

Things are moving along well this quarter. We appreciate all of your support.

Science Garden

We put into making an account with a seed company that is highly recommended. They use coated seeds so they are easier to handle for little kids.

Kristen will be sending a signup list to Ms. Phillips soon and teachers can sign up what they're going to grow and whether they're going to grow in the class or transfer to the garden. We're still trying to ease students and teachers into growing in the garden because they're is not much of a curriculum.

Jeff - Were you going to do anything with the raised beds that are falling apart? If we can, that would be great but last year and this year we were close on the budget. We can maybe get rid of the wood this year and work on replacing it next year.

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

The next opportunity to help will be in February. The cart will go around the week after Valentine's Week. All items must be turned in to the front office by Wednesday, February 14. The Sign Up Genius for this event is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-46947798-welove>

We will be hosting another Hot Cocoa Bar for the teachers and staff. We have all sign up slots filled for this event. It was so successful and enjoyed by all the RRES Staff that we will be doing a party cart and taking the goods around to the teachers again this time. Thanks to all who are contributing and helping support our staff!

Our next regular Teacher Appreciation Snack Bar will be Friday, March 22 before Track-Out. The SignUp Genius for that is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-46948039-rand>

Other Fundraising Options

- We have a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night on Tuesday, March 5 from 5-8 at the Garner Towne Square Location. 20 percent of mobile orders will go to Rand Road. Please share code once it is distributed. Mimi the Clown will be there that night doing face painting. We do not have school that day for the added Election Day.
- 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.

Teacher Appreciation Week

If you have any suggestions for themes or have contacts with local businesses that would sponsor a lunch or snacks, etc please reach out and let us know.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

Glow Party - 2/16
Spring Book Fair - 2/26-3/1
Book Fair Family Night/ Math Night - 2/29
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night - 3/5
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
Teacher Appreciation Snacks - 3/22
Holiday - Track Out - 3/29
Track-In for 4th Quarter - 4/22
PTA General Meeting - 4/24
Teacher Appreciation Snacks - 4/26
Spring Carnival - 5/4
Teacher Appreciation Week - 5/6-5/10
Book Blast Starts - 5/14
PTA General Meeting - 5/15
5th Grade Field Trip - 5/16-5/17
Memorial Day - 5/27

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

Open Floor

Glow Grams are due on Friday. You can send them to teachers and other students. All the money goes towards the 5th grade field trip.

Girls on the Run is being hosted by several teachers. It's a great time with a great lesson.

New office furniture looks great!

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM; Samantha Lunsford motioned to adjourn, and Meghan Luzader seconded.