

Rand Road PTA Minutes  
June 11, 2024 – 6:00PM  
Rand Road Media Center & Google Meet

Call to order: 6:00 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), Kristen Kudenov (PTA Treasurer), Hannah Webb, Meghan Luzader, Jordan Luzader, Georgette D'Andria, Larissa Bryant, Jamie Endres, Monte Moss, Dawn Carroll, Tammy Carey, Mike Williamson

Virtual:

Yanya Huddleston, Deborah Phillips, Sara Holmes

Approval of last meeting's minutes (May 15, 2024): A motion was made by Meghan Luzader; Jamie Endres seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

### **Treasurer's Update**

#### **May**

May's starting balance was \$16,427.93 and the ending balance was \$11,872.60. Credits for the month totaled \$7,103.82 with the highlights being from Spring Carnival and a sales tax refund. Debits were for the new chairs for the school, media center supplies, teaching supplies and teacher appreciation totaling \$11,659.15.

### **Budget Updates**

We currently have \$11,482.60 left to budget with \$1,223 is not cashed. If the volleyball court gets finished in this fiscal year, we will have \$9,712.97 remaining. We will have some 5th grade graduation expenses coming in on the last day of school so we will be able to close our budget by the end of June. Remaining funds will carry over to next year.

Meghan Luzader - is there an amount we have to stay under to carry over to the next year? There does not appear to be a specific amount that is the threshold for this.

Jeff Peeler - are there any categories that need to be adjusted for this year? Adjustments for next year will be done in July. All of the expenses for this fiscal year must be spent by June 30. The new treasurer will meet with the PTA Board to formulate a new budget for next year.

Kristen Kudenov - please make sure that receipts submitted are clear as to what needs to be reimbursed. What cannot be turned in are receipts that have personal items as well or simply pictures of amazon items that were purchased.

## **Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week**

Big thanks to Jamie Endres for putting each of the days together. The staff seemed to really like each of the days. Ms. Bryant - the teachers all seemed to have fun with the activities. Maybe in the future - reach out to other schools for ideas of things they do as well for new ideas. Raffles were a great idea! Ms. Bryant said she really enjoyed and appreciated the Soda Box cards. Ms. Webb - it would be nice to have it celebrated on actual Teacher Appreciation Week so that students and families participate more.

## **School Garden - Open Floor**

Ms. Bryant - I was one of the teachers that planted with their students outside. What should they do with the plants now? Kristen - Maybe a question for Ms. Carey. There is no watering needed but just pull weeds, watch the growth, harvesting anything that grows. Kristen could volunteer to help if needed but not necessary. Ms. Carey - we will not likely be writing a new curriculum but there are some things already built into each grade's curriculum that could be associated. Weeding and harvesting are the best next steps.

## **2024-2025 Elections**

In the absence of RRES PTA Nominations Committee Chairperson, Sara Homes, Ashley Cox as a member of this board recommends the following candidates for the 2024-2025 PTA Board:

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

The Nominating Committee moves to elect the 2024-2025 Slate of Nominees.  
Coming from the committee, the motion does not require a second.

Are there any nominations from the floor? Nominations are closed with no nominations from the floor.

There was no objection to voting on the entire Slate of Nominees together. All approved; no one was opposed. The motion to accept the 2024-2025 Rand Road slate of nominees passes.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the 2024 - 2025 Rand Road PTA.

## **Year in Review**

We raised \$53,000+. This number looks different from the treasurer's report because this does not include the money we had to pay back to Boosterthon.

Our fundraisers were:

- Boosterthon - \$17,370
- Book Fair - \$4,700
- Spring Carnival - \$4,600
- T-shirt Sponsors - \$4,400
- Go Play Save - \$3,500
- No Fuss fundraisers - \$1,700
- 5th grade fundraisers - \$1,700
- Spirit Wear - \$920

We spent \$48,000+ on our students and school this year:

Student Support -

- Library Books - \$5,410
- 5th grade field trip - \$3170
- T shirts for every student - \$3,100
- 5th grade art project - \$1,900
- K-4 Field Trips - \$1400
- brainpop - \$1000
- New mascot - \$402

Family Outreach -

- Spring Carnival - \$1300
- Glow Night - \$715
- Family Movie Night - \$550
- Family Engagement - \$180

School Improvements -

- New Soundsystem - \$11,300
- New chairs for auditorium - \$4,375
- VolleyBall Net and installation - \$2500
- Printer Lease - \$720
- School Beautification - \$300

Staff support -

- Teaching material reimbursement- \$2,000
- Staff appreciation - \$1000 (plus donations)
- T Shirt for every staff member - \$500
- Teacher of the year banquets - \$410

Dawn Carroll - can the teacher reimbursements be for only teachers or anyone? It can be for any staff member that is a member of the PTA. Next year we will define this a little more clearly for teachers and staff.

### **Principal's Report**

Ms. Logan needs hall monitor help for EOGs on June 18 and June 20 from 9:30-1. Email Ms. Logan at [sjlogan@wcpss.net](mailto:sjlogan@wcpss.net) if you can help.

Book Blast - Across the school we received over \$21,000 in books. Every kid in the school received at least 2 books. Many teachers received a \$100 shopping spree. There was one \$600 shopping spree given. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous support.

We are finishing up this school year. A big thank you to the PTA for the support you've given. We loved the Taylor Swift teacher appreciation week as well as the purchase of the chairs to be used at the upcoming graduation. We are blessed to be at a school with an involved and active PTA so thank you!

Amanda Griffin - Next Year's PTA focus will be a membership drive hoping to bring in Kindergarten parents and do some fun competitions to get more participation and involvement.

July 25 will be the Meet the Teacher event at 4:30pm - 6:00pm. You will find out the teacher assignments the week before school starts Grade level supply lists are already being put online to the Rand Road website. We will be about the same number of students next year even with new students from Bryan Road Elementary.

Has the new 5th grade teacher been hired? Yes. We are fully staffed almost at this point for the next school year.

### **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**

Last PTA Meeting of the year/PTA Elections - 6/11

Father's Day - 6/16

No School - 6/19

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 6/26

Last Day of School - 6/26

Meet the Teacher Event - 7/25

FIRST day of 2024-2025 School Year - 7/29

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

### **Open Floor**

5th Grade Graduation - will there be a need for additional volunteers? Maybe only 2 or 3 because we will not have specials that day so we have school personnel available. Parking is always an issue so can we make sure it's addressed with parents? Yes - we are looking at having parking available in the back potentially.

Next year we may not have monthly meetings. We're looking for meetings less often but have more

information and activities in the meetings we do have to make them more engaging.

Next year's family engagement will include some activities to engage the families with the principals.

Jeff Peeler - does anyone have questions, concerns, ideas about the school beautification? Send ideas to him.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM; Meghan Luzader motioned to adjourn, and Jamie Endres seconded.