

Rand Road PTA Minutes
May 15, 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, Tammy Carey, Jamie Endres, Meghan Luzader, Jordan Luzader

Virtual:

Yanya Huddleston, Chandra Banner

Approval of last meeting's minutes (April 24, 2024): A motion was made by Sara Holmes; Chandra Banner seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Treasurer's Update

April

April's starting balance was \$17,983.91 and the ending balance was \$16,427.79. Credits for the month totaled \$370.90 with the highlights being from Spring Carnival. Debits were for the 5th grade field trip, additional school t-shirts from Booster and the Science Garden totaling \$1,927.02.

Budget Updates

We have currently brought in \$70340.93 in credits, debits have been \$61,761.40 so we have a surplus currently

We need to vote to raise several portions of the 2023-2024 budget to account for new expenses.

- Add \$1,000 to School Improvement to cover \$1,750 price for Installation of Volleyball Court
 - Jordan Luzader - Did we get more than one quote? - We attempted to get 2 quotes with WCPSS approved vendors. THE 2nd contractor never followed through.
 - Jeff Peeler - Does the vendor have to be WCPSS approved? Yes - they have to pass liability.
- Request for a one time increase of \$3,464.79 for School Improvement to purchase 84 new chairs for ceremonies/performances with the cart to hold them all. This includes a 40% school discount.
 - Ms. Carey - these 84 chairs should fill the need for new chairs plus replacing the current broken chairs.
 - Meghan Luzader will review the chairs to determine during this meeting - website says they have a 480 lb weight limit and a 10 year warranty so these seem to be

good quality chairs. We can resume voting on these.

A motion was made to increase School Improvement Budget by \$4300 by Meghan Luzader; Jamie Endres seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

- Request to increase Staff Appreciation Budget from \$900 to \$1100 for TAW. (this is only 2.5% of our budget - We are looking to increase that for next year. This will be going towards a school supply drive for the teachers and staff for next year. Whatever isn't donated by parents for teacher appreciation week, the PTA will purchase based on the teachers' wish lists.)
 - A motion was made by Jamie Endres; Jordan Luzader seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.
- Jeff Peeler - will that leave enough money for t-shirts for next year? - We get those paid for by sponsors.
- We are recommended to only carry over \$10,000 at the end of the year and we currently have a surplus of \$8,000. At the end of the year we should have a surplus of \$13,000 after increasing these budget items.

Principal's Report

Ms. Logan needs hall monitor help for EOGs on June 12 and June 18 from 9:30-1. Email Ms. Logan as sjlogan@wcpss.net if you can help.

Book Blast - almost 150 kids have already registered. This is not a fundraiser for the school. Every child has an opportunity to earn up to 10 books and any money raised by each child above the amount needed will go towards books for other kids at the school. Every child will be guaranteed at least one book. If a class gets 60% participation in registration the teacher can earn a \$100 shopping spree for school supplies and if they have 100% a \$200 shopping spree for school supplies. It runs through May 24.

Upper grades are finishing their final check-ins. Really proud of how hard the kids have been working. Remind your children that we're still in school even though it's getting close to the end of the year.

The 5th grade field trip is coming up tomorrow so send good thoughts our way!

2024-2025 Elections

Nominations are due at this meeting including the letters of interest you must have completed.

The nominations committee will meet next week and recommend nominees for the 4 board positions.

In order to continue acting as a PTA, we have to have all 4 board positions filled. All positions must be voted on each year! Position descriptions can be found on the Rand Road PTA website.

Spring Carnival

The event was held on May 4, 2024. Thank you to ALL the volunteers or anyone who was involved in any way. The rain held off until the perfect moment just as we were finishing clean-up for the day.

We budgeted \$1500 for this event and our actual costs were \$1352. Our projected income was \$6000 and our actual income was \$6013! That results in a profit of \$4660.31!! Profit is about the same as last year but our expenses are less than last year so, even though we sold about \$1000 less in tickets and wristbands, we came out ahead.

Some of our leftover prizes are going to the Rand Road School Store. Amanda will be working with Ms. Harris to get those donated to the school.

Thank you to the Luzaders for a great volunteer check-in process! We did face some student volunteers not showing up this year but our floaters filled in which was a great help. Thank you to all the staff that came and helped with one or more shifts!

One thing we will iron out for next year is the teacher experience raffles. It was a last minute decision to allow parents to purchase raffle tickets and enter for their students. The majority of these winners were still the free student raffle tickets. Ellie Griffin pulled these tickets.

Yearbook

The price is \$15. There was an error from Strawbridge about the deadline being May 31 but we have to submit our orders by Monday, May 20. Orders are due by Sunday, May 19 online or Friday, May 17 if paying cash or check. You can order online or pay cash or check made payable to Rand Road Elementary PTA.

Staff/Teachers Appreciation Week

The dates for this year have changed to May 20-24, 2024 due to multiple field trips earlier in the month and we are doing "In Our Appreciation Era". Each day is going to be something different:

- Breakfast Bar – Theme: Breakfast before you SPEAK NOW - The Summit Church is sponsoring - 8:15 in Staff Lounge.
- Soda Bar – Theme: To help with those late MIDNIGHTS - "Soda box" drinks - Free drink coupon from Soda Box for all staff. Hydration Station in Lounge. Chick-Fil-A is donating 6 bags of the "good" ice to us.
- Classroom supplies – Theme: You give Rand a great REPUTATION. There is a signup genius for this.
- Baked Potato & salad – Theme: Because you're FEARLESS -Sponsored by Longhorn Steakhouse and Cleveland Draft House. Room 204
- Taylor Swift Day – Theme: DEBUT as a Swiftie - this will be a party cart for this day in the afternoon
 - "You make the whole school SHIMMER" banner
 - "Red" velvet cupcakes
 - "Eversmores"
 - Friendship bracelets
 - Decal stickers

- Red heart sunglasses

Please Sign Up For Donations in the signup genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-49623002-teacher>

Turn your donations in by this Friday, May 17 to the main office. Amanda will add the date to the signup genius.

Beautification Day - Jeff Peeler

Saturday, May 18 from 9:30am-12:30pm

Rain date will be Saturday, June 1. We will announce on Friday, May 18 if it will be rescheduled based on the weather forecast for this weekend.

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

Book Blast Starts - 5/14

5th Grade Field Trip - 5/16-5/17

School Beautification Day - 5/18

Girls on the Run 5K - 5/18

Teacher Appreciation Week - 5/20-5/24

Kindergarten Orientation - 5/22 - 10:30am-11:30am

Memorial Day - 5/27

2024 Senior Clap Out - 5/31

Last PTA Meeting of the year/PTA Elections - 6/12

Father's Day - 6/20

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 6/26

Last Day of School - 6/26

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

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

Open Floor

Senior Clap Out is May 31 - Ms. Harris sent out a signup genius that she needs some help with refreshments

Our last PTA meeting is June 12. It is super important that we have as many people attend in person

to vote on board positions as possible.

We have increased our income by about \$10,000 this year - we will have a document to highlight what we've been able to do this year. You should be proud of all the hard work this PTA has done.

Hannah Webb - thank you to the PTA and the parents for all the donations for the 5th grade field trip. It was able to help reduce the cost to \$250 for all students and was able to sponsor more students who wouldn't have otherwise been able to attend.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM; Jordan Luzader motioned to adjourn, and Kristen Kudenov seconded.