

Rand Road PTA Minutes  
November 8, 2023 – 6PM  
Zoom Meeting

Call to order: 6:00 PM motion to call to order made by Hannah Webb, 2nd made by Jeff Peeler, all approved

Virtual Attendees:

Amanda Griffin (PTA President), Jeff Peeler (Vice President), Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary), Samantha Lunsford (PTA Treasurer), Sara Holmes, Kristen Kudenov, Jamie Endres, Hannah Webb, Ingrid Stout, Tammy Carey, Elizabeth Edwards, Molly Herndon, Dawn Carroll, Urgains Gabriel Vilsaint, Chandra Banner

Approval of last meeting's minutes (September 13, 2023): A motion was made by Samantha Lunsford; Jeff Peeler seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

### **Treasurer's Update**

#### **September and October**

September's starting balance was \$14,961.42 and the ending balance was \$46,218.23. Credits for the month were Boosterthon funds raised and Go Play Save funds raised. Debits were for the lease on the color printer, the movie license for movie nights and the volleyball court. WCPSS still has to resurface the court but we have already purchased the equipment.

October's starting balance was \$46,218.23 and the ending balance was \$30,179.41. Credits were the Fun Run corporate matching donations and the Panera spirit night fundraiser money. Debits were the payment to Boosterthon for the Fun Run.

#### **Vote to Modify the Budget - Field Trips**

We have received a request from the RRES Administration to help cover the \$800 per trip reservation fee for Charter Buses for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade field trips. This will help keep the cost per child below \$30 per trip. It does not include the 5th grade field trip nor the 4th grade field trips as they do not need assistance. Kindergarten does not go on field trips that require Charter Buses. We need to vote to approve this one time expense category

A motion was made by Kristen Kudenov; Ingrid Stout seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

#### **Fun Run Final totals**

The profit our school made from donations was \$18,400 plus corporate matching donations of \$626.44. We have paid a reservation fee towards next year's Fun Run of \$2000 for a total of \$17,024.44!

From the profit, we have spent \$11,312 towards the previously requested Mobile School Wide Sound System.

## **Vote to Modify the Budget - School Improvement**

We currently have budgeted \$11,000 in this area and have already spent some funds of that prior to purchasing the new sound system from the Fun Run monies raised. The new sound system is mobile and can be utilized in the auditorium as well as moved to other areas where it is needed and uses all modern technology.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Jeff Peeler to raise the School Improvement line item to \$15,000 and seconded by Hannah Webb. Voting was 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

## **Fall Movie Night**

The event is scheduled for Friday, Nov 17. Sunset that day is at 5:05 pm. 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm will be the time for arrival, dinner (Kono Pizza coming from 5:30-6:30), play, snacks, etc. with the movie starting at 6:15pm.

The 5th grade students/parents will be helping to sell concessions to raise money for the 5th grade fundraiser. (Candy, hot cocoa, drinks, popcorn, and other handmade items, etc.)

Donations will be accepted of chips, Individual bags of pre-popped popcorn, Full sized candy bars, sodas/water, and Hot Cocoa. We will have the PTA card reader there to take payment as well as cash.

The students will be voting on movie options this week in school. The choices are Super Mario Brothers, Elemental, and Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem. Classes have been voting this week and Super Mario Brothers is leading.

Weather is forecasted to be in the low 70s so perfect outdoor movie weather.

Might need volunteers from PTA because no 5th grade parents have volunteered at this point.

## **Square 1 Art Fundraiser**

Students complete works of art with Mr. Theodore-Robinson in art class same as last school year. Every student receives a catalog and stickers of their art to order from. Orders are shipped directly to purchasers' homes. The art shipped on Nov. 3 and catalogs will arrive on Nov 17. All orders are due Dec. 1. Great for Christmas presents! The PTA received up to 33% of order totals in our last sale.

## **Beautification/Science Garden - Jeff Peeler & Kristen Kudenov**

A big thank you to Jeff Peeler for enhancing the entrance with new shrubs. He would like to mirror the right side of the entrance on the left in front of the sign.

Planting for the science garden will start in January/February. Kristen Kudenov has gotten the cameras working on the birdhouses. They are security cameras that are recording to a DVR so classes can go back and compare or look at certain times. Students can see the whole process of birds from egg to hatching. There is a 3rd camera that is being decided where to place it. Maybe at a particular garden bed with flowers. Teachers can access from their laptops with a link as long as they are on the RRES network. Weather station is also up and running.

## **Science Fair**

Nicole Peeler has volunteered to chair the science fair. Thanks to Nicole!

Science Fair Applications are going home this week and are due Nov. 17.

We have moved the date for the Science Fair Open House to Thursday, Dec 14 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm followed by the PTA meeting.

Any student can enter the science fair but only grades 3-5 go to the county science fair but K-2 can compete within their grades and will be recognized at the awards ceremony. Direct any questions to the Rand Road PTA email or to Nicole's email on the Science Fair application.

If you work in or know anyone in the science field and want to be a judge, send them our way. They just need to be an approved volunteer.

## **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.

## **Principal's Report**

We are into the 2nd quarter. This is a crazy week schedule with Election Day off and Veterans' Day holiday..

Great work on the science garden. Only school in WCPSS with one of these. Great to see students getting back to field trips and being to go out and see unique things.

Thank you to PTA and any families that sponsor children that need things - it has been incredibly helpful.

Rezoning - no new information but will be getting students from Bryan Road Elementary and we are not losing any families. We are currently underutilized so this will get our numbers up. We will be asking the PTA to reach out and welcome these new families at a later date.

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

The next opportunity to help will be on Friday, November 17. The Sign Up Genius for that is the same as the August & September dates -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-rand8>

On December 15, we will be hosting a Hot Cocoa Bar for the teachers and staff. Please sign up for this fun offering in the Sign Up Genius at -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-45957727-rand>

Do we need help setting those up? Jenny Dobert and Jamie Endres are great chairs of this

committee and you can reach out to them if you want to help.

### **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, A new sale has started for the holiday season and ends December 8 - 20% off
- Rent the Rock - \$25 per week - can go to our website to rent it for birthdays, celebrations, shoutouts, positive messages, etc.

### **Yearbook**

Yearbook Covers have been submitted and just waiting for a proof. 1 winner of the front cover and a 2nd and 3rd place on the back cover. We are adding ad space for 5th graders in the back of the book. We need to finalize the cost. Last year it was \$15. With ads we should break even or maybe even raise a little money from the sales.

### **Upcoming Dates & Reminders**

PTA Meeting (Virtual Option Only at 6pm) - 11/8  
School Picture Day - 11/9  
Science Fair Applications Due - 11/17  
Fall Movie Night - 11/17  
Thanksgiving Holiday - 11/22 through 11/24  
Science Fair Projects Due - 12/14  
General PTA Meeting and Science Fair Open House - 12/14  
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

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

### **Open Floor**

We are finalizing what we can do to help families in need for Thanksgiving. Amanda is meeting with our school social worker, Ms. Summers tomorrow to work out these details. We are potentially thinking of doing classroom baskets/boxes of meals and each student can bring in one item towards the basket.

When is the next spirit night? Not currently scheduled. We have the email for the new owners of McDonalds and Amanda will reach out to them to try and schedule something.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM; Hannah Webb motioned to adjourn, and Ingrid Stout seconded.