

Rand Road PTA Minutes  
November 12, 2024 – 6:00PM  
Rand Road Media Center & Google Meet

Call to order: 6:00 PM motion to call to order made by Kristen Kudenov; 2nd made by Jamie Endres; all approved

In-Person:

Amanda Griffin (PTA President), Jeff Peeler (Co-Vice President), Jamie Endres (Co-Vice President), Ashley Cox (PTA Secretary), Kristen Kudenov (PTA Treasurer), Elizabeth Edwards, Tammy Carey, Linda Rivera, Ivette Betancourt, Monte Moss, Larissa Bryant

Virtual: Yanya Huddleston, Carlos Pena-Mejia, Chandra Banner, Meghan Luzader, Nailea Large, Christopher Daniels, Chelsea Rollins, Sara Holmes

Approval of last general meeting's minutes (August 13, 2024): A motion was made by Jamie Endres; Kristen Kudenov seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

Approval of the last emergency PTA meeting minutes (September 24, 2024): A motion was made by Kristen Kudenov; Jamie Endres seconded. All approved; no one was opposed.

### **Treasurer's Update**

#### **August**

August's total revenue was \$4,787.48 and expenditures totaled \$1,876.79. Credits for the month are highlighted by \$2,050 from our TShirt Sponsors and \$567 from the donations for the agendas for the students. Debits were for the state NCPTA Dues totaling \$631.50 and our PTA liability insurance for \$560,

#### **September**

In September the total revenue was \$9,737.49 highlighted by our Go Play Save fundraiser, the fall book fair and t-shirt sponsors totaling \$9065.08 and debits that totaled \$2,625.88. Our expenses for this month were for contributing to the school's subscription to BrainPop for \$1000 and the lease on the school's color copies for \$720.

#### **October**

October's total revenue was \$3,270.69 and expenditures totaled \$4,426.73. Credits for the month are highlighted by \$1,830 from the Go Play Save fundraiser and \$1,050 from t-shirt sponsors. Debits were to Scholastic for the Book Fair totaling \$2,645.06 and to Bright Star Theater for our Native American Cultural Arts performance for \$1,445.

Movie Night made a profit of \$576.45 without any donated goods like the homemade items from last year. Go Play Save did better than expected including additional funds that still came in last week. We've done really well with t-shirt sponsors and we're up over \$600 before we start selling. This covers all t-shirts that we've already purchased. Rent the Rock is already \$100 over what we expected from last year.

We do need to make a change to how we've handled our budget in the past. We have to vote as a body before the school year ends to agree to spend remaining funds prior to the next school year's PTA approving the PTA budget for the new school year.

### **Movie Night Recap**

Movie night was a great success. We raised \$576.45 to go towards the 5th grade field trip this year in addition to the donation they are already receiving from the PTA for \$1500. A big thank you to the PTA members that stepped up to volunteer for the event. We would have liked a little more help with concessions and planning for this event.

We will try to work with the 5th grade team to offer Glow Grams in February as an additional fundraiser for this field trip. We can do this as long as we have help for this.

Ms. Carey - the glow items were a big hit and the students loved them. We will need to revisit some things for the next event like kids exploring the school hallways and also playing tag and other games in the field behind the families. We need to find a better way to regulate this. But we want to make the event fun for the kids so how do we balance the two things. The hot dogs ended up being a great thing even with all of the discussion and emails we had about it beforehand.

Ms. Bryant - we should mention that this is not a drop-off event because I notice that several kids were dropped off by parents and with no supervision.

Are there ways that we could make our events more inclusive to all students including our special education students? Could we open the gym with volunteers to monitor play?

### **Rand Road Fun Run**

The Boosterthon Kickoff is Thursday, November 14 and their staff will be on site every day to hype up the students and also hand out the prizes that they earn throughout the fundraiser.

This is our main fundraiser for the year and we are raising money (our goal is \$14,000) for additional walkie talkies for our RRES staff, the remaining auditorium chairs to match the ones we purchased last year, umbrellas for carpool, staff t-shirts, and new document cameras for staff. Any additional funds will go towards anything that Ms. Carey identifies as needed for the school. This year, Boosterthon has changed their model on profit to a solid 40% profit for us but they have changed the fees to a sliding fee instead of a flat processing fee. They have promised us that if we don't make as much profit as last year, they will pay us our profit under the older model plus an additional \$1000 because they are so confident in the new model of fundraising. Under this new model, we will keep 100% of funds raised under cash and checks - turn these into the office and put the child's name, grade and teacher on the funds which will be delivered to the PTA mailbox. We will not advertise but feel free to spread the word so we can keep more of the funds. Right now, there is a sign up challenge - if your student is registered before kickoff on Thursday they can be entered to win a wristband for Spring Carnival games. If we meet the school goal this year, Ms. Carey and Mr. Moss have volunteered to be taped to the wall.

Fun Run times are Pre-K and K-2 at 9:45am and 3-5 with ECS at 10:45am. Field Day events are from 12:00pm-3:20pm

We need volunteers for field day activities and you can sign up through the SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-51697847-rand>

## **Science Fair**

Our science fair for this year will take place on December 11. Applications will be going home this week and are due back on November 22. All students are encouraged to participate but not required. The top 3 scores from grades 3-5 will move on to the county wide science fair. K-2 entrants are eligible for an honorable mention. We will have an Open House on the morning of Dec. 12 for parents to be able to come see all of the projects and kids can take their projects home that day. There is a 3rd grade field trip that day so we might end up changing that to Friday the 13th. Jamie Duncan is the chair for this event and his email is on the application so you can send any questions to him.

## **Square One Art Fundraiser**

Mr. Theodore-Robinson has been working with all the students to complete art projects. The deadline for ordering your student's project will be December 16. These make great Christmas presents for family members. Information will be sent home after the Fun Run.

Our standard profit is 33% for this fundraiser with at least a 20% order participation and submission of at least 150 pieces of art (1 piece of art permitted per student). We will only get 20% profit with less than 20% order participation. We can still achieve the standard 33% profit IF \$3300 gross sales are reached, regardless of the number of arts submitted or order participation. As a Bonus we can receive an extra 5% profit on top of the standard 33% for a total of 38% IF at least 150 pieces of art are submitted (1 piece of art allowed per student) AND you have 45% or more order participation.

## **Teacher Appreciation**

We have two opportunities to spoil our teachers again before the end of this quarter. We will be doing a special treat later this month to show how thankful we are for our staff and we are bringing back the Hot Cocoa Party Cart for the month of December. The signup Genius to help provide for that is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAB2BA13-50887919-rand>

If you would like to be on the committee to help plan Teacher Appreciation Snacks, meals, and treats, please email us at [randroadpta@ymail.com](mailto:randroadpta@ymail.com).

We need help with planning, securing sponsors for meals, serving, decor and more!

## **Principal's Report**

We've had a very busy 1st quarter and start to 2nd quarter because of the

Thank you to PTA for sponsoring the cultural arts presentation, Cherokee Tales. We learned some great things and it was a great opportunity.

I want to thank the PTA who stepped in to provide the staff shirts for this school year. I am impressed and thankful for all the things our PTA does without hesitation to help our school and staff.

We'll have another coffee and chat with the principal in the next quarter just to talk about anything school related you might have questions or concerns about.

One thing to note, in the AM carpool, please stay behind the black pole and not by the umbrellas because people are still arriving for morning before care.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER WITH WCPSS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!**

**Other Fundraising Options**

- Link your Harris Teeter VIP card (this needs to be renewed every year) and also Lowes Food rewards card
- Spirit Wear store - LOTS of options, we earn 10% of every order. We are currently having one of the biggest sales of the year going on. Check it out and purchase some cool different school spirit wear.
- Rent the Rock - \$25 per week - can go to our website to rent it for birthdays, celebrations, shoutouts, positive messages, etc.

**Upcoming Dates & Reminders**

Fun Run - 11/22

Thanksgiving Holiday - 11/27-11/29

Talent Show Auditions - 12/3-12/5

Chipotle Fundraiser - 12/7

Science Fair - 12/11

Square One Order Deadline - 12/16

Music Travels (K-2nd Music Performance) - 12/20

Winter Holiday/Track-Out - 12/23-1/24

First Day of 3rd Quarter - 1/24

Talent Show - 2/13

Family Glow Party - 2/21

**Open Floor**

Questions from the floor -

Jeff Peeler - Can we make sure that we send correspondence to the teachers to encourage student participation in the Science Fair? Ms. Bryant said they already do this. Ms. Carey said they will make sure they communicate with teachers.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM; Jamie Endres motioned to adjourn, and Larissa Bryant seconded.