

RES PTO

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RES General PTO Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2022 | 7:00p.m. | RES Library

1. Welcome
2. Admin Update - Dr. Young
3. Teacher Liaisons Update - Mrs. Grady/Mrs. Maloney
 - 1st grade class Halloween parties will now be on Friday, October 28, and the 1st grade field trip will now be on Monday, October 31
 - Teachers are still working on filling out their teacher grants. The process starts with approval from Dr. Young and then the PTO board votes on the grant (pre-k is eligible for a grant as well)
 - Teacher liaisons suggested that if parents have any feedback on virtual days/2-hr delays/calendar changes to make their voices heard. Carley Boyd is on the calendar committee and shared that there is talk of sending out a survey to parents to gather info and obtain feedback from parents. Nothing will change on the calendar until next year. The calendar for the 2023-2024 school year will be voted on in January. Stay tuned for more info.
 - Bradley Moore (school board member) shared that there is a new comment process for the school board. This process can be found on [rtsd.org](https://www.rtsd.org). Parents no longer need to attend school board meetings to make a comment. There is a phone number where you can leave a message and your actual voice will be heard during the meeting.
4. District Wide Updates - Elizabeth Krugler/Ali King
 - o October 18th Event: **Community "[Belonging Through A Culture of Dignity](#)" Event on Tues., Oct. 18** at 7 p.m. in the RHS Auditorium. John Krownapple, co-author of *Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity*, will lead Radnor families in a community conversation focusing on dignity, belonging, and inclusion. [RSVP](#).
 - All staff, teachers and bus drivers have already read and discussed this book. This is an opportunity for the community to do the same thing.
 - o Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast
 - Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, October 18
 - Bus safety awareness week is October 17-21
 - o Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive/Giving Fridays
 - For the first time ever, The Wayne Food Pantry will be providing RTSD Social Workers & District-wide PTO Community Outreach with bags of supplemental supplies to help support the RTSD/DW PTO Thanksgiving Basket Drive.
 - Through November 11, Giving Fridays will be collecting Thanksgiving items to support the District Wide PTO's Thanksgiving Basket Collection.

- Students can drop off items to the Giving Fridays bins at the front of the school each Friday. These items will then be used to help create Thanksgiving baskets for our RTSD social workers to pass out to RTSD families in need.

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers

- Meet and Greet with new Admins - Elizabeth Krugler/Haley Erdlen
 - District organized and PTO supported.
- K Bus Orientation and Playdate - Dayna Peck/Deanna Galloway
 - This year, many older siblings were in attendance and aided the Kindergarteners in things like getting on the bus when apprehensive. Moving forward, we should consider having student ambassadors for all orientations (not just new family orientation)
 - Remember to have name tags next year as well
- New Family Orientation - Haley Erdlen
 - Next year we will consider doing a PowerPoint for the parents
 - Next year we will consider giving the student ambassadors a checklist to ensure all areas of the school/building are shown during the tour
- First Day of School Clap-In - Elizabeth Krugler/Haley Erdlen
 - This was canceled due to weather, but we were able to chalk the walk
- Pretzel Friday Kicked off - Maris Leo
 - No pretzel Friday tomorrow (10/14/22) due to the circus
 - Water bottles will be distributed next week (Friday, 10/21)
- Bloombox fundraiser - Sarah Finkel (passive fundraiser chair)
 - \$829 in sales (\$125 donation)
 - Next fundraiser will be with Minted and take place around the holidays
 - Please email any passive fundraising ideas to our VP of fundraising, Alison Brayford, or Sarah Finkel (Chair of Passive Fundraising)
- New Family Coffee - Paula Strokoff
 - Thank you to Dr. Young and Mr. Wagner for stopping by
- Bulletin Boards – Heather Graverson
 - Great bulletin board committee and big plans for future bulletin boards!
- Welcome Back Picnic
 - This year, we changed from an ice cream truck to hand-scooped water ice and it worked well
- Cultural Arts
 - Ali King has been doing this, but she is looking for someone to hand this off to
 - We need a cultural arts chair!
 - Unfortunately, the Bee Man has retired. We will reach out to the Bee Man and see if he would be willing to donate his displays and educational materials to RES so we can continue this experience for our students
 - Some of the experiences provided by the cultural arts committee include: Betsy Ross, Science Joe, Rock Assembly, Bee Man (now retired), Circus Arts. Cultural arts chair is responsible for contacting these people and coordinating with administration to schedule these programs. The CA chair works closely with the treasurer to make sure that everyone gets paid, deposits are placed, etc.

6. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- Multicultural Committee/International Week
 - We need a chair!
 - International week will take place the last full week in January

- The chair of the multicultural committee gets to pick the country
- Trunk or Treat - Gina Terkanian/Tara Bacani
 - Registration to date: 54 students, 66 adults, 9 trunks
 - DJ Ethan booked for the event
- Bookfair - Kerrin Noller/Alison Brayford
 - This will take place October 31-November 4
 - Full committee assembled and prepping
 - Coffee/snack/entertainment teacher preview day
 - Money earned during the book fair will be used to purchase books for the RES library and a cash payout will be given to the PTO general fund. This money is used to pay for cultural arts and support the teacher grants provided by the PTO
 - Families and friends are invited to shop on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 5-7pm and Friday, Nov 4, 8-8:45am. No open shopping for families during the day.
 - Volunteers from the committee will be present during the day to assist students in finding and purchasing books
 - Students must purchase a book with a "toy" – students cannot purchase a toy without the purchase of a book
 - Teachers can pick when their classroom comes to the bookfair
 - Friday, November 4, is reserved for last minute shopping and/or anyone who forgot their money or needs to make a return/exchange
 - Students can come in with their money in a labeled envelope or upload money to the e-wallet (if you prefer a cashless option)
 - Students will get a wish list prior to the event so they can come in with a plan
 - If a book is sold out when the student visits the bookfair, the desired book(s) can be ordered for the student
 - We requested more \$1 books this year because these are often more accessible, and they were a popular option last year
 - Returns and exchanges will be accepted
 - Teachers will receive flower-shaped stickers to tag books that they want, and students/family/friends can purchase these books
 - We are currently looking into an online option for parents/family/friends to support the teacher's wish list
- Circus Week - Ali King/Haley Erdlen
 - 4th grade show is tomorrow (Friday, October 14, 2022). Show will be 1 hour long and will begin at 2pm. Two adults allowed per student. This performance is for 4th graders and their families only.
- 5th grade activities - Ali King/Heather Graverson and Melissa Bancoff/Jen Orosco
 - June 16 is the proposed date for the pool party at St Albans (June 19 will be held as the rain date)
 - Hats, towels, etc. will be given to 5th graders (same as previous year)
 - 5th graders have many fun events throughout the year
 - 5th grade parties are usually grade-wide parties, and this will continue again this year
 - 5th grade yearbook is in the works
- Musical Theater
 - We need a musical theater chair (volunteer must be a 5th grade parent)
 - This will take place the 2nd half of the year only
 - General outline will remain like last year's program

- Parent/Teacher Conference Meals - Kerrin Noller/Kate Hoffman
 - Lunch will be provided for teachers during conferences again this year
 - Boxed lunches have been provided in the past (Antonella's, Zesto, etc)
 - Small cookies/coffee will be provided to teachers in December as well
 - Art Room Help (and Library Help Update)
 - Mrs. Eyerly is looking for art room help and assistance in helping her to hang student art work around the school
 - Library volunteers will not be utilized until later in the year, so we will reach out to these volunteers and see if they would be willing to volunteer in the art room until they are needed in the library
7. Budget Updates – Emily Quinones
- YTD Overview
 - \$150 given for Bus Driver Breakfast on October 18th
 - Annual fund has raised \$3,500 YTD
 - Pretzel Friday income has all been received. This is one of our biggest fundraisers
 - 50% of teachers have put in for teacher grants so far (\$3,000 has been paid out)
8. Communications Update
- Bonnie Silverberg
 - RES express is our monthly e-newsletter filled with PTO news, information on upcoming school and PTO events and district happenings.
 - All families registered for Membership Toolkit will receive the RES Express (registration for Membership Toolkit is free and required to receive PTO communications)
 - Steve Kerr is currently running our RES website and doing a fantastic job!
9. For the Good of the Order
- Google/Shutterfly/Dropbox
 - Board members - please let Elizabeth know if you are using any of these accounts so we can decide how to move forward with keeping/upgrading our memberships
10. Questions/Comments/Other
- Community Outreach chair needed!
 - Any interest in having a zoom PTO meeting? Should we offer a combination of in-person and zoom PTO meetings?
 - We might offer a livestream option for future PTO meetings. We will reach out to other PTO presidents and inquire how they offer successful livestream meetings.
 - Food service coordinator reached out to inquire if we want to restart the nutritional tastings in the cafeteria. This would require PTO volunteers to hand out food a few times a year.
 - Dr. Stevenson's picnic table has been ordered. Stay tuned for more details.
11. Next Meeting: November 10th - 7pm
12. Adjourn

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