

October 3, 2022 General RMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Location: October 3, 2022 @7pm in RMS Library

Attendees: Dr Wiedlich, Susi Bruhns, Kate Sanderson, Jannie Lau, Morgan Roselle, Todd Shissler, Maureen Kersting, Kanchan Phadnis, Sarah Johnson, Sam Hansell, Bill Green, Cathy Mascioli, AnnMarie Santillo, Emily Quinones, Amy Stasen, Anna Jackson, Eda Bilir Messner, Sheila Norton, Nick Kimlinger and Bradley Moore

Regrets: Kathy Sonier, Geeta Kapadia Palshikar and Gale Morrison

- Welcome - 22-23 RMS PTO President, Susi Bruhns opened the meeting, making some brief remarks, see attached page for meeting agenda
- RMS Principal report - Dr Wiedlich presented his Principals Report.
 - RMS Clubs are starting up again. They have staggered start times throughout the year. Baking Club, Mathcounts, Magic the Gathering, Ultimate Frisbee are some of the clubs starting. PIAA sports starting, offered to 7/8th grade (as per PIAA rules). Cheerleading is a club and therefore also open to 6th graders.
 - Back to School Night was successful with a lot of people in attendance.
 - First School Assembly of the year is coming up, about Internet Safety and Responsibility, presented by local District Attorney and police.
 - Niche Rankings place RMS highly in PA.
 - Sick kids should stay home. If it turns into more than a few days reach out.
 - Tutoring program continuing this year, will be online
- PTO President's Report – Susi Bruhns presented the PTO President's Report
 - Open School was a day prior to the start of school for 6th graders to come in and pick up technology and look around the building, with a fun activity (BMX display and ice cream). Felt this was successful and looking to continue next year.
 - Porchfest raised money for RMS PTO through the sale of snacks, thanks to Morgan Roselle and Kristin Dudley.
 - Note there is an online form for feedback for events to offer improvements for following year.
 - Committees and Boards are starting to meet, REF, ASK, Speakup etc, bring ideas and suggestions.
 - Promoting Family Fundraiser as primary source of RMS PTO funding.
 - Spirit Gear – there have been some supply chain issues, Oct 16th is the deadline for orders to be delivered by LM week
- RMS PTO Treasurer comments – Send Loretta Bobb check requests and requests for expense reimbursements.
- RMS PTO Communications – Sam Hansell requests any submissions be sent for PTO newsletter and for Radnor Reader articles.

- RMS Veteran's Day – Jannie Lau is heading up RMS Veteran's Day this year, looking to repeat efforts from last year collaborating with VFMA with chorus and musical ensembles participation.
- RMS PTO Multicultural – next event is Linvilla Orchards for apple picking October 16th, 11am – 1pm, family event, lots of activities. Potluck will be December 2nd at RMS Cafeteria and will be looking for lots of volunteers.
- RMS PTO New Family Program – Todd Shissler reported that he and co-chair, Leah Press, have held three new family events so far, coffee morning, picnic, café meeting, and have an upcoming dinner.
 - Comment re new families, figuring out school communications and what is essential is very difficult to figure out (where to send doctors notes, schoology etc)
- RMS PTO Stem night – Anna Jackson and Allison Fanelli are coordinating STEM night, anticipated for February 2nd 2023. Starting the process and raising awareness.
- Approved June 2022 minutes (see attached)
- Other announcements:
 - RHS hosts multiple ASK meetings that are often of interest to RMS families.
 - ~~RMS Halloween is still in need of 7/8th grade chairs for this year's celebration. (10/11/22 comment – there will be no Halloween celebration at RMS this year.)~~
 - Friday, October 7, is the 7/8 grade mixer.
- Meeting adjourned approximately 8 pm.
- RMS PTO Board meeting followed – discussion and vote on request for 8th grade vs Hunger Days by Kathy Rapino, approved up to \$1000 for grant to support.