

October 17, 2022 RMS PTO Board Meeting Minutes

Location: October 17, 2022 @7pm in RMS Library

Attendees: Dr Wiedlich, Susi Bruhns, Sarah Johnson, Sam Hansell, Kate Sanderson, Todd Shissler, Kanchan Phadnis, Bill Green, Cathy Mascioli, Nick Kimlinger and Geeta Kapadia Palshikar, Kristen Dudley, Debra Mitra, Keturah Duncan

Regrets: Maureen Kersting, Loretta Bobb

Resignation: Gale Morrison sent her resignation prior to the meeting

- RMS PTO President Susi Bruhns opened meeting,
 - Family sponsorship campaign has currently raised approximately \$3,050 – thank you notes / tax letters are currently being sent out, but this is primary source of RMS PTO funding and goal is \$8,000
 - Kristen Dudley was welcomed onto the board for fundraising
 - RMS car magnets are sold for PTO fundraising, new design is now available
 - Spirit wear, while there isn't a specific RMS LM week shirt (at the high school there is), the RMS students are encouraged to wear their Radnor spirit wear during LM week, leading up to the LM game November 5
 - Treasurer's report not presented tonight, Loretta Bobb sent her regrets
 - No costumes/parties/parades for Halloween at RMS. Kids can wear a superhero shirt that day.
 - Speaker ideas opened up for discussion. With the district wide speaker series no longer happening, the RMS PTO is looking at the idea of having some local speakers, suggestions welcomed.
 - There are a range of subjects that could be refreshed every few years for middle school kids as new research is presented, such as anxiety, sleep, drugs, depression, suicide.
 - RMS has recurring Mind your minds programs for students and Speakup for students/parents, Peter's Place has spoken about suicide/grieving
 - Sarah Johnson recommended UPenn neurologist Frances Jensen's book "The Teenage Brain" as a potential topic / speaker
 - One Love Foundation will do talks about noticing signs of toxic relationships
 - Dr Wiedlich suggested discussing overcoming failure / struggles
 - Keturah Duncan DEI topics
 - Kristen Dudley gender / sexuality topics – Samantha King from CHOP speaks on these topics
 - Cathy Mascioli recommended "The Self – Driven Child" on executive functioning
 - Nick Kimlinger thinks support for transition from middle school to high school for parents would be helpful
 - Other discussion

- Deb Mitra appreciates schoology morning announcements reminder about emotional support
- Keturah Duncan asked about whether IDs have been handed out for kids (as mentioned at an earlier meeting – kids will have a lanyard and be expected to wear their ID at school.) Dr Wiedlich reported there has been a delay in the rollout of this.
- Upcoming event – Veteran’s Day Nov 11
- RMS PTO Stem night is looking for presenters
- RMS PTO purchased pencils and notebooks for Stem night
- Sarah Johnson, wufoo is being used for events that require payments otherwise signup genius is used for recruiting volunteers
- Susi Bruhns raised request from Beth Cooke (RTSD food services) for RMS food tasting, discussed and motion passed (Sarah Johnson, Nick Kimlinger) to provide \$200 to support