

RES PTO

Together We Can

RES PTO Meeting
November 10, 2022
7:00p.m.
RES Library

1. Welcome Elizabeth Krugler

2. Message from Admin Dr. Young
 - a. Book fair was a huge success and conveyed a love of reading to all
 - b. Tickets and posters that were given out were a huge hit
 - c. Conferences are on the horizon
 - d. The student-only holiday sing is being coordinated
 - e. Class holiday parties will take place on Wednesday, 12/21
 - f. Curriculum common assessments are going well
 - g. PE winter stations will begin in December
 - h. Health screenings begin in December

3. Teacher Liaisons Update Mrs. Maloney/Mrs. Grady
 - a. No updates.

4. District Wide Update Elizabeth Krugler/Ali King
 - a. Thanksgiving Baskets
 - i. 40 more baskets needed. Additionally, if people want to make a monetary donation there is a RTSD parent who will match up to \$5,000 of donations.
 - ii. Thanksgiving baskets are needed by Monday, November 14.
 - iii. Thanksgiving basket drop off will take place in the Radnor Middle School bus loop this Monday from 3-7pm.

5. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers Gina Terkanian/Tara Bacani
 - a. Trunk or Treat
 - i. Total students: 308
 - ii. Total adults: 339
 - iii. Total trunks: 40
 - iv. Total guests that donated to the food pantry: 86
 - v. \$763 raised towards food pantry (PTO helped round up to \$800)
 - vi. PTO recommends foregoing the pizza next year. If it is decided that food is a necessity, possibly explore cheaper options (i.e. soft pretzels, etc.) so the PTO can profit from the event
 - vii. PTO to update the events form so we can remember pizza quantity (if necessary), dj info, supplies purchased, candy purchased, etc.

- viii. Shoutout to Steve Kerr who was awesome in setting up registrations and getting everything online for us!
 - b. Bookfair Kerrin Noller/Alison Brayford
 - i. Working to reframe our family shopping events to be centered around certain themes
 - ii. Mrs. Grady (teacher liaison) shared that in the past, specific, themed events brought faces into the building that normally don't come into the building
 - iii. We are searching to find a way to create more buzz by bringing back themed shopping events in a more inclusive way
 - iv. It was suggested to display student art during these events to entice parents/guardians/family members to come
 - v. \$750 worth of books were donated to the library (about 52 books)
 - c. Circus Week Ali King/Haley Erdlen
 - i. Tabled.
- 6. Update on Future (and ongoing) Events
 - a. Homeroom Representatives Update Danielle DeHoratius/Emily
 - i. Halloween parties were a success
 - 1. Some grades are doing all-grade parties, but we need to make sure that all students have fun (teacher approved) activities during these parties
 - 2. Discussion arose about how to thank and collect for paraprofessionals during the holidays. More information to come.
 - Quinones
 - Jenn Breen
 - b. Annual Fund
 - i. To date, annual fund has raised \$3,548, which is comparable to where we were at this time last year.
 - ii. Annual, year-end push will go out in a few weeks via email, social media and paper format, and we will request that Dr. Young send out a flier as well.
 - c. Spirit Gear Martha Coates
 - i. New merch available!
 - ii. Nov 15 deadline for 12/22 delivery!
 - iii. Car magnets will be available again soon!
 - d. Community Outreach/Giving Fridays Ali King
 - i. New chairs, Erin Brennan and Caitlin Jones, will be running giving Fridays independently by January 1!
 - ii. Erin Brennan has experience in food donation initiatives and is interested in planning a fresh food drive thru Giving Fridays at some point this year.
 - iii. Thank you to Giving Fridays volunteers Steph Baroni, Anna Jackson and Meghan Murphy for helping The Wayne Food Pantry package supplemental food bags for the RTSD/PTO Thanksgiving Basket Drive!
 - e. Cultural Arts Ali King
 - i. New chairs, Suzanne Bowers and Bree Truby, will be taking over by January 1!
 - ii. The following programs are planned:
 - 1. Kindergarten - Mother Goose
 - 2. 1st Grade – Betsy Ross
 - 3. 3rd Grade – Rocks Experience

- iii. 3rd Grade is interested in added Science Joe in place of the Bee Man. Science Joe already visits 1st, 2nd and 4th graders
 - f. 5th Grade Activities Ali King/Heather Graverson
 - i. Proposed fee for 5th grade families is \$85 (thoughts welcome)
 - ii. An extra \$10 was tacked on from what was charged last year so that party supply items can be purchased in bulk (eliminated the need for SUG for 5th grade parties aside from asking for parent/guardian volunteers)
 - iii. Pool party is scheduled for 6/16, with a rain date of 6/14
 - g. Yearbook Melissa Bancoff/Jen Orosco
 - i. Chairs will have their first meeting Friday, November 11.
 - ii. Contract signed with Lifetouch.
 - iii. Yearbooks will be \$15 each, and the committee will try hard to stay at this price point.
 - iv. Chairs are in the process of setting up a website and parent portal (for dropping photos).
 - v. Parent portal should be up and running by the end of next week.
 - h. Parent Teacher Conference Meals Kerrin Noller/Kate Hoffman
 - i. Individual meals will be ordered from Zesto for Monday 11/21. Teachers will be emailed an order form in the next few days, with both hot and cold dinner options to choose from. Food will be delivered between 4-5pm.
 - i. Multicultural Committee/International Week Aaron Olivo
 - i. Israel has been selected
 - ii. It will be Israel's 75th anniversary
 - iii. 2K budget
 - iv. We will reach out to the other elementary school PTOs to get a template for specials
 - j. Musical Theatre – NEED A CHAIR
 - i. The 5th grade musical will take place the 3rd weekend of March
 - ii. 4 performances – 1 Friday, 2 Saturday, and 1 Sunday
 - k. Read for the House – NEED A CHAIR
- 7. Communications Update Bonnie Silverberg
 - a. REsexpress goes out every other Monday (the next REsexpress will go out Monday, November 14)
 - b. When sending in information for the REsexpres, please include a header, burb, the date the event will take place and a graphic (if available)
 - c. 78% of people have registered with Membership Toolkit. We will inquire about who the 12% are that have not yet registered – are we missing a specific demographic of people?
 - d. Once we know more about who is no registered, we will make another push in hopes of increasing registration
 - e. The school calendar can be downloaded to your phone – more information to come
- 8. For the Good of the Order Update Elizabeth Krugler
 - a. Tomorrow is Spirit Day!
 - i. The theme, “I am thankful” invites students to dress up like a favorite teacher or wear RES gear/colors (hometown team gear is also always welcomed)
- 9. Questions/Comments/Other

- a. Right at School would like to partner with the RES PTO
 - b. RAS is here every day until 6pm.
 - c. Thanksgiving Day Break Camps are coming up, and RAS is looking for a service project for the kids to do during this time (suggestions welcome!)
10. Next Meeting
- a. Board Meeting: December 8, 2022
 - b. General Meeting: January 12, 2023
11. Adjourn

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