

RES PTO

Together We Can

RES PTO Meeting
February 9, 2022
7:00p.m.
RES Library

1. Welcome Elizabeth Krugler

2. Admin Update Dr. Young
 - a. Two-hour delay on Monday, 2/13
 - b. V day celebration – please follow smart snack guidelines (no treats should be exchanged, no personalized valentine’s day cards), no siblings permitted in the building during parties
 - a. March conferences are coming up. Teachers should have reached out with a sign up genius.
 - b. Read Across America is going on now!
 - c. No more grace period for volunteer clearances – all volunteers must have **all three clearances** before volunteering in the classroom!

3. District Wide Updates Elizabeth Krugler/Ali King
 - a. 2/24 REF Gala – purchase by 2/10 and tickets are \$150, purchase after 2/10 tickets are \$175.
 - b. This is the 27th annual fundraising celebration at Pomme in Radnor.
 - c. Funds raised at this event will be used to support grant requests in the district at large and all five Radnor schools, as well as REF’s Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.
 - d. The event will include music, dancing, food, libations, and silent and live auctions.

4. Update on Past Events and Fundraisers Aaron Olivo
 - a. International Week
 1. Successful week! The multicultural committee will be reaching out to specials teacher with a survey (what worked vs. what didn’t work).

2. Should we announce the country in the spring for the following year?

b. Potluck Dinner

Aaron Olivo

1. For a return from COVID potluck, there was a decent turnout
2. Should we ramp up promotional efforts for next year?
3. The people who did attend LOVED IT!

c. MLK Day

Steph Baroni

1. RTSD MLK Day event was a success! This year's event was held at RES and we hosted book readings in the library, yoga in the gym, CPR training in the little theater, and service activities in the cafeteria. Thank you to the RES PTO and Dr. Young for all your help with the event!
2. RES was able to provide an abundance of toiletries to the Wayne Pantry. From the Amazon wishlist alone, over 1,600 toiletry items were donated. In addition, 15 boxes of various toiletries were delivered from the Giving Friday collection as well as donations collected the day of the event.
3. The service and generosity of the RES community will have a direct impact on local families. The RTSD MLK Day committee thanks RES for their support of this important event!
4. If you wish to continue to support the Wayne Food Pantry, visit their website at wayneumc.org/food-pantry/ to view their amazon wishlist and/or send in donations for Giving Fridays.

d. K Social (NOT a PTO sponsored event!)

1. Great success and a fun way to meet new parents!

5. Update on Current Events and Fundraisers

a. Read for the House

Sara Wallace

1. This event hit a slump last year, but we are back up and running with enthusiasm!
2. 41 readers are currently signed up and have raised \$5,555.81 to date!
3. We have raised over 50K for Ronald McDonald House Charities since 2008!
4. Idea for next year is to do a book swap mid-month to energize the children and encourage students to keep reading. Any books that are not chosen can then be donated.

b. Cultural Arts

Bree Truby/
Suzanne Bowers

1. Mother Goose – K
2. Science Joe (1-4th) will be here the weeks of March 13 and March 27

3. Potentially hiring a speaker with SMA who wrote a book. We have used him in the past, and he comes to talk to the kids via an assembly. He typically speaks to grades 2 and up. He reached out to Elizabeth Krugler and Dr. Young and talks are occurring about bringing him back for next year.

c. Community Outreach/Giving Fridays Erin Brennan/Caitlin Akins

1. Souper-bowl spirit ends tomorrow, 2/10! Send in soup with your child! Of course, donations of any sort are always welcome, too!
2. Jelly, pasta sauce and cereal will be the push starting Monday, February 13

d. Art Goes To School Aaron Olivio

1. AGTS committee will decorate cabinets in school.
2. SUG will go live on 2/12 and we will encourage parents to sign up (the goal is to have three volunteers per art class). This is a great opportunity to see your child in school!
3. There will be a Zoom held in mid-February with a focus on "how to present to the kids"
4. AGTS showcases 20 pieces of art that move around to all 3 RTSD elementary schools

e. Musical Theatre Jen Orosco/Natalie Carpenter

1. The kids are working hard on their lines, their songs and dance moves.
2. We are working to get everyone fitted into their costumes, moving sets from the basement to the theater and making sense of all of the props and things we found from the show 6 years ago.
3. The concession plans are shaping up, and decisions are being made about what we will sell to increase the profit of the show overall.
4. Ticket sales are being set up in the ShowTix4U website, and a Save the Date graphic should be on social media soon, in the next newsletter and the Radnor Reader this coming weekend, along with on the website. Plans for beginning the ticket sales and promotions for that are underway. Ticket sales will be promoted on all of the same platforms, and we will also ask Dr. Young to promote it in her weekly update.

f. 5th Grade Activities Ali King/Heather Graversen

1. 81 out of 88 students are signed up so far

2. Currently solidifying 5th grade gift plans

- g. Yearbook Melissa Bancoff/Jen Orosco
1. We are busy collecting information from the students about their favorite RES memory and their favorite books, etc. for use alongside their 5th grade portraits.
 2. We need to have a block of pages completed in the next few weeks, so we are working to get photos from parents ASAP and going into school to take some photos ourselves.
 3. Information on how to upload photos can be found here: <https://res.rtsd.org/pto/5th-grade>
 4. End of the year Pool Party – June 14
 5. 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony – June 21
 1. Fifth grade families are invited to attend a special ceremony at RES during the last day of school. (This date may change based on snow day adjustments to the calendar)
- h. Bingo Night Haley Erdlen/Bree Truby
1. Friday, April 14 – in-person!
 2. Currently working on promoting this event
 3. We will need to purchase new bingo cards, prizes and pizza/water/cookies
 4. Popcorn will be served
 5. We are asking teachers if anyone wants to come and callout the numbers
- i. Game Night Jenn Breen
1. Friday, April 28
 2. Jenn will be reaching out to volunteers who signed up to help with either the dance or bowling and ask for their assistance in planning game night.
 3. This is a low work event, aside from the DJ, Pizza and borrowing games from people - should come together quickly.
- j. RES SMART Run Suzana Shaw
Zsao/Erica
1. The RES SMART Run will be held on Sunday, May 21
 2. This event is a one-mile fun run or 5K race, with prizes for the top overall and age group finishers and plenty of family fun
 3. The 1st meeting will be held this Saturday, at 2:30pm - please sign up to volunteer if you can help in anyway

4. SUG to volunteer for this event (and all others!) can be found here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9a92aa6f58-20222023#/>
5. Currently working on sponsorships – if anyone owes a local business and wants to sponsor, please reach out ASAP!
6. Right At School will donate a month of after care (or the equivalent) to auction off as a fundraiser

k. Run Club

Kenya Kistler

1. This committee organizes the spring Run Club for students, and coordinates volunteers to coach, motivate, and cheer on runners!
2. Thank you to our new chair, Kenya Kistler!
3. Run Club registration will open on 2/13/2023 and will remain open until 3/20/2023. It will be capped at 50 students in grades 3-5 and will run on Tuesdays, starting on 4/11/2023 and ending 5/16/2023.
4. Run Club will focus on physical and mental fitness! The club will focus on running, as well as topics like communication, cooperation, self-talk, and balance during our time together.
5. All students will receive a long-sleeve t-shirt that will complement the Smart Run shirts.
6. Run Club asks that parents sign up to volunteer at least once during the six weeks of the club. Students feel encouraged when they see their parents, and adults other than teachers, cheering them on and supporting their individual running goals!
7. There will be a Sign-Up Genius available each week to sign up to volunteer.

l. Teacher Appreciation

Kerrin Noller/Kate Hoffman

1. Kerrin and Kate are planning a meal for the teachers during March conferences and will reach out to Mrs. Grady, Mrs. Maloney, and Dr. Young for the best date/time.
2. We have had a great experience with the boxed meals from Zesto, so we will likely be using them again this time.
3. Kerrin and Kate have already started brainstorming for teacher appreciation week. Sometime in March, they hope to meet with Dr. Young and the TAW committee to figure out activities and a schedule. Stay tuned!
4. Brainstorming ideas of buying flowers wholesale (possibly from the parent who is a florist) to take the burden off of parents

m. Homeroom Representative Update Danielle
Dehoratius/Emily
Quinones

1. Remember: Parents needs their clearances!

n. Fundraising Update Alison Brayford/
Haley Erdlen

1. Thursday, 2/23 - Dining Out Fundraiser with Honeygrow
2. Passive Fundraiser needs to be planned for the spring – send ideas to the PTO!

6. Communications Update Bonnie Silverberg

- a. Please continue to use the form found on the PTO website when submitting requests for the REsexpress
- b. The next REsexpress is getting large – working to pare it down

7. Treasurers Update Emily Quinones

- a. Annual Fund is up to \$5,083.00
- b. 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Gilbert, requested a microphone for her Juno to be used in the classroom. Grant would be for \$175. Approved by Dr. Young and attendees at the meeting.

8. For the Good of the Order

- a. Silver Linings is our spirit gear company. Currently, Haley is picking up all merchandise from her front porch and bringing the gear to RES (delivered directly to the classrooms). If you have experienced any positive or negative experiences with this company that you would like to share, please email the PTO
- b. Reminder for next year - Right At School does not cap their enrollment

9. Questions/Comments/Other

10. Next Meeting:

- a. Board Meeting - March 9th (TBD if in-person or zoom)
- b. General Meeting - April 13th, 7pm, RES Library to vote in the new slate

11. Adjourn

Notes:
