

**ROBBINSDALE SPANISH
IMMERSION SCHOOL** 
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

General Assembly Meeting Agenda: February 28, 2023

Meeting is held in-person at the school (Media Center) and online via Zoom
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280637327>).

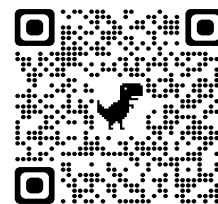
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Attendees: 16 in-person, 3 online

Agenda:

- Welcome (SueLynn Junkert) - 2 minutes
- Introductions (Round table: please share name, role at the school/pto and/or children names/grade. What's something you're looking forward to or excited about this week?) - 15 minutes
- Intern Intro #1 (Tania) - 5 minutes
 - 29 years old and from Spain, near Madrid. Has always wanted to come to the United States. Is pursuing an English Studies degree at university and wants to be an elementary school teacher. Has lived in Poland as part of her university experience.
 - Working with mainly Kinder, 2nd grade, & 5th grades currently
- Update from the Principals - (Ken Habel & Dr. Alejandra Estrada-Burt) - 10 minutes
 - E-learning 3 days last week due to winter storm. Yesterday was a professional development day, where staff took part in different trainings.
 - Wrapping up I love to read month. 2nd day of Rock 'n Read event rescheduled for March 9th.
 - LOGROS assemblies coming up. Student council and staff lead the assemblies
 - In March, will be partnering with American Heart Association for a service-learning project
 - Email recently sent to families re: this. Goal is to involve students and families and help promote heart healthy habits.
 - Biliteracy development continues. Team of teachers working with Center for Biliteracy, with trainings upcoming. Focusing on science and social studies portions of curriculum currently.
 - Two Police Officers are coming to RSI as community volunteers. Email was sent notifying RSI families.
 - Officers have completed VIP program that all volunteers go through
 - Piloting this as a temporary commitment from now until end of the school year.
 - Officers are considered community volunteers, will be helping out during 4th grade recess, building connections and relationships with students
 - 4th grade chosen due to being able to follow the grade for another year
 - Volunteers are NOT being added due to any current behavioral issues
 - This is a collaboration with the City of New Hope Police, as a way to build relationships within the community. New Hope Police no longer offer the DARE program
 - One of the volunteers has had a child at RSI and is familiar with the school
 - Principals will be discussing this with the 4th grade students
 - Spring Conferences upcoming- 3/2, 3/7, & 3/9
- February Teacher Feature: 1st Grade Teachers - 5 minutes
 - Srta Patterson & Sra. Michelli
 - Currently wrapping up a History unit where they made a timeline of themselves, using an event of their choosing that has happened in their lifetime.
 - Looking at artifacts and things that are old
 - Looking at the past, present, and future and discussing how we can become better citizens in the future.
 - Current writing project includes writing a personal narrative based on a memory with a beginning, middle and end. Encouraging use of their 5 senses within the story. Example memory: the first day of first grade.
 - Will continue working on small moment stories over the next few weeks.
 - Daily breakdown of day - 85% Spanish, 15% in English. Promoting using Spanish as much as able.
 - Moment stories are helping with verb usage in Spanish

- How can parents support the teachers?
 - Read at home, have students try to decode words, and participate in writing activities - have them write a story or letter to friends. Practice how to work through challenges.
- Treasurer's Report (Morgan Wallace- Johnson) - 5 minutes
 - \$5,500 not yet earmarked for programs.
 - Fairly quiet January
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mie8gLFCqjE81avtu-EgL7sIKuZH528y/view?usp=share_link
 - Grant proposal- Generation Genius
 - Platform made in collaboration with National Science Teaching Association
 - Interactive, K-8th science lessons and materials. Includes DIY extensions that can be done at home.
 - Includes vocab support, videos, lessons, and supports biliteracy curriculum with new science standards. Help teachers plan interactive lessons
 - Platform has been approved by the district. Building leadership still needs to vote, but principals believe it will very likely pass.
 - Cost is \$1295/year subscription for all grade levels.
 - Staff team is working on science curriculum new standards currently. Would be very helpful to have access to this platform now vs. wait until next school year
 - This would be a supplement to the curriculum (Mystery Science), and therefore district is not able to fund at this time.
 - 1st grade teachers in attendance are very supportive
 - Motion made to approve grant, pending approval from leadership team, by Steph Hanna. Motion seconded by Tiffany Knudsen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Intern Intro #2 (Jhonatan) - 5 minutes
 - 23 years old, from Columbia. Enjoys teaching and spending time with kids
 - Working with all grades at RSI and wants to be a teacher when he returns home.
 - Has enjoyed spending time in different seasons while living in MN
- Program/Fundraiser Updates & Volunteer Needs - 10 minutes
 - La Noche Sin Niños Recap (Mariah/Kristi)
 - Sold almost 100 more tickets than last year
 - Made just over \$20,000- slightly under the hopeful budget.
 - Almost 300 participants, including families and staff
 - La Noche committee will be sending an email to attendees for feedback
 - Yearbook (Jessica)
 - link will be coming out this week to start ordering yearbooks
 - Paper and soft cover options
 - vendor only allowed us to pick two options
 - paper and soft covers were the most popular orders in past years and the least expensive options
 - There will be an option to donate a yearbook and possibly a way to donate an at-will amount with goal of providing a yearbook to all 5th graders.
 - Order yearbooks here: <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/robbinsdalespanishimmersionschool>
 - Skate Night (Tiffany)
 - Thurs. March 23rd. 5pm-8pm Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids
 - 100% of pre-sale admission proceeds go directly back to RSI
 - Tickets: <https://app.getoccasion.com/xp/Q94fPVWT>
 - Scholastic Book Fair & Conference Dinners (Tiffany)
 - 3/2, 3/7, & 3/9 from 4-8pm at RSI
 - PTO will be providing FREE childcare during all conference evenings for school-aged children in Gym A from 4-8pm. Childcare provided by RSI Interns
 - Bookfair volunteer opportunities: <https://signup.com/go/xNbNhtY>
 - PTO will be continuing the tradition of providing dinners to RSI teachers and staff during each conference night.
 - Sign up here to bring in an item or two: <https://signup.com/go/fuiiHiR>



Scan code for volunteer SignUp

- Gertens Spring Plant Sale (Sarah)
 - Orders due by 10pm on April 6th. Pick up is Saturday, 4/29 between 1-3pm @ RSI
 - Quantities are limited, so order soon
 - Order here: <https://www.gertensfundraising.com>, Store ID code: 392
 - Volunteer opportunities to help on pick-up day, 4/29: <https://signup.com/go/cSxKrcM>
- Vision Screening Volunteers (Amanda)
 - The RSI Health Office is looking for volunteers to help direct students to and from their classroom and the vision screening room on Tues., March 14th from 9:30am- 1:15pm
 - This is rescheduled from February due to the winter storm and school moving to e-learning
 - Sign up to volunteer here: <https://signup.com/go/rcgGjRD>
- Open Floor (Anyone) - Remaining time to 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- ☆ 3/2 Spring Conferences, Conference Dinners & Book Fair
- ☆ 3/7 Spring Conferences, Conference Dinners & Book Fair
- ☆ 3/9 Spring Conferences, Conference Dinners & Book Fair
- ☆ 3/13 Lost and Found Clean Out
- ☆ 3/21 March PTO General Assembly meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Media Center or online
- ☆ 3/23 Skate Night - Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids, 5pm – 8pm
- ☆ 3/27 - 3/31 No school - Spring Break

2022-23 RSIS PTO Board Members Have questions or want to get involved?

Jessica Chapman & SueLynn Junkert as Co-Presidents
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