

**ROBBINSDALE SPANISH
IMMERSION SCHOOL** 
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

General Assembly Meeting Agenda: March 21, 2023

Meeting is held in-person at the school (Media Center) and online via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280637327>).
If attending in-person, please sign-in via paper sheet. If attending online, [please sign in here](#).

(Attendees: in-person- 20, online - 0)

Agenda:

- Welcome (SueLynn Junkert) - 2 minutes
- Introductions (Round table: please share name, role at the school/pto and/or children names/grade. What is your favorite thing the PTO did this year and what would you add for next year?) - 15 minutes
 - Suggestions for next year:
 - more free, community-building events
 - Events suggested to repeat: STEM night, game night, sledding night, back to school playground social
- Update from the Principals - (Ken Habel & Dr. Alejandra Estrada-Burt) - 10 minutes
 - Lots of incoming Kindergarten tours. Lottery acceptance letters have gone out to families.
 - Leadership team continuing to work on biliteracy and structural framework- especially science curriculum
 - Cohorts of teachers working in various ways- working on restorative circles, 2 cohorts participating in Catalyst program-
 - Focuses on classroom learning environment for classroom management. Visual and nonverbals to redirect, giving teachers ideas and strategies that may work well with neurodivergent brains
 - New staff, Sally, started this week as a new Culture and Climate Specialist. Role has been vacant for most of the year. This is a district position that is in all the schools; role works in a wide variety of ways - support teachers, may co-teach lessons, lead student groups, family engagement and focusing on equitable practices.
 - March Teacher Feature: 2nd Grade Teachers - 5 minutes
 - 2nd grade teacher team unable to attend as planned. 2nd grade team will present at April General Assembly meeting
- Treasurer's Report (Morgan Wallace- Johnson) - 10 minutes
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yBu0sj1TiSwGCUaxxaj4JuAT8AsYr4Oh/view?usp=share_link
 - La Noche netted just under \$20,000
 - library/media center enhancements & furniture grant orders were submitted in February which was a major expenditure for the month
 - Budget review & 2023-2024 Budget Proposal
 - Would like to gather ideas for next year and will put forth the proposed budget for 2023-24 at the next PTO meeting
 - Email rsispto@gmail.com with ideas or questions
 - Multiple grants were used this year including grants for: 123 Andres assembly, educational software for students, Anika Farjado author presentation and workshop, and for RSI media center enhancements and furniture
 - Individual teacher grants given- many still are unused
 - Grant Proposals and Votes needed
 - DJ Howie for Healthy Send Off - \$500 (2 hours of service for \$400 + \$100 for hype man dancer)
 - Dr. Estrada has had experience with this DJ at other schools.
 - Kids DJ, very engaging and interactive. Music is different for different grade levels
 - Lots of movement- could use this as a station at Healthy Send Off
 - Would benefit all grades. If used for 2 hours, every kid would get 25-30 minutes.
 - 2 hours of service = \$400. Can add on a hype man for an additional \$100. Each additional hour of service is \$100.
 - Principals feel they can rotate all of school through in 2 hours
 - Plan is to vote tonight and if passed, Healthy Send Off coordinators will make final determination if this could be used as a station option for the event.

- Steph Hanna made a motion to vote, Tiffany Knudsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Move excess funds from the 35th anniversary celebration to Fiesta Fun Fair budget?
 - \$900 of excess funds from 35th Anniversary celebration last year
 - Principals made clear to 35th anniversary participants that any excess funds would go to the PTO
 - Per Nicole, Fiesta Fun Fair coordinator, the committee is in need of additional prizes for games. Some prizes remaining from last year, but money would greatly help with additional prizes and event needs
 - Steph Hanna made a motion to vote, Sarah Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Yearbooks for all 5th graders- up to \$450
 - Proposal for the PTO to help purchase enough yearbooks to ensure that all 5th graders receive a yearbook at the end of this school year
 - Support from principals as there is a designated time for students to sign yearbooks during the last week of school. School tries to provide paper copies to those who do not have a yearbook
 - Not feasible to purchase for all students, but discussion surrounding how this can feel especially isolating for older students
 - Pivotal time for 5th graders as they are transitioning away from RSI and into middle school,
 - 10 books have been donated so far with current orders
 - Last year there were (30) 5th graders who did not order a yearbook
 - Estimating approximately 30 books may be needed
 - Steph Hanna made a motion to vote, Sarah Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Reallocate excess Spring conference dinner funds to Teacher appreciation week for this year?
 - Amazing support from families in monetary donations for Spring conference dinners
 - An estimated \$500 left unused from conference dinners
 - Exact plans for Teacher appreciation week (May 1st -5th) still being determined, but these funds would go directly towards food, decorations, or treats for teachers/staff if reallocated
 - Melissa Bonetti made a motion to vote, Kari Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- PTO Board Roles (SueLynn) - 8 minutes
 - Handout: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1adF9YGjAvhj3lh0uGFrNYfh_8H207qkj/view?usp=share_link
 - Board consists of 4 roles, with 2 people per role or co-roles this year. Planning the same for next year.
 - Nominations, including self nominations, are open
 - Can nominate by talking to a PTO board member or email rsispto@gmail.com
 - All 8 current board members are nominated for returning for the 2023-24 school year, but other nominations are welcome!
 - Plan is to vote for 2023-24 board members at April General Assembly meeting
- Program/Fundraiser Updates & Volunteer Needs - 10 minutes
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (PTO Board member)
 - Monday, May 1st - Friday, May 5th
 - Coordinator needed!
 - Please see the PTO volunteer SignUp page or email rsispto@gmail.com if interested!
 - Yearbook (Jessica)
 - Please order soon! Orders due April 9th
 - <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/robbinsdalespanishimmersionschool>
 - Skate Night (Tiffany)
 - Thursday, 3/23 5-8pm @ Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids
 - 100% of presales go back to RSIS PTO
 - Order tickets here: <https://app.getoccasion.com/xp/Q94fPVWT>
 - Check out our facebook page or join the grade pages to learn

Scan code for volunteer SignUp



About more volunteer opportunities

- PTO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RSISPTO/>
- Fiesta Fun Fair (Tiffany)
 - Friday, May 19th, 6-8pm
 - Look for upcoming volunteer shifts on the PTO SignUp page
 - 120 volunteer opportunities, split into shifts.
 - Volunteers can be high school age or older. Adults can sign up with a middle schooler to help run a game or station
- Gertens Spring Plant Sale (Sarah)
 - Order here: <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/> Store Code: 392
 - Orders due April 6th, by 10pm.
 - Wide variety of items available
 - Pick up is Saturday, April 29th, from 1-3pm @RSI
 - Looking for volunteers to help on April 29th with uploading the truck and helping put orders in cars. Check out the volunteer opportunities here: <https://signup.com/go/cSxKrcM>
- Healthy Send Off (Toby)
 - June 2nd. Committee has started planning
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- Dine to Donate
 - Just scheduled! - April 24th, 4-8pm - Noodles and Company in Golden Valley
 - Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/144W9xa8-wbsyh_fju6388v8rOJYBPU-t/view?usp=sharing
 - Espanol:
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- Open Floor (Anyone) - Remaining time to 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- ☆ 3/23 Skate Night - Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids, 5pm – 8pm
- ☆ 3/27 - 3/31 No school - Spring Break
- ☆ 4/6 Orders due for Gertens Spring Plant Sale & Spirit Wear orders due
- ☆ 4/9 Yearbook orders due
- ☆ 4/17 Lost and Found Clean Out
- ☆ 4/25 April PTO General Assembly meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Media Center or online
- ☆ 4/29 Gertens Plant Sale pick up @ RSI front parking lot 1pm - 3pm
- ☆ 5/19 Fiesta Fun Fair, 6pm - 8pm @ RSI
- ☆ 5/25 Spirit Wear orders distributed to students

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

Jessica Chapman & SueLynn Junkert as Co-Presidents
Toby Breuch & Tiffany Knudsen as Co-Vice Presidents
Morgan Wallace & Sarah Meagher as Co-Treasurers
Amanda Houge & Mariah Messer as Co-Secretaries

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