

**ROBBINSDALE SPANISH  
IMMERSION SCHOOL   
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**General Assembly Meeting Agenda: November 28, 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: 21 Online: 1 )**

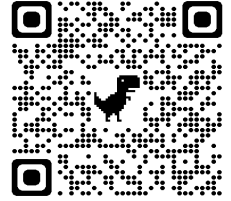
**Agenda:**

- Welcome & PTO board introductions (SueLynn Junkert) - 2 minutes
- Introductions (Round table: please share name, role at the school/PTO and/or children names/grade. What are some community-building activities that you would like to see or help create at RSI?) - 5 minutes
- Intern Intro (Hector) - 5 minutes
  - [Hector's bio](#)
  - 23 years old, from El Salvador. Would like to return to El Salvador and teach in a school there
- Guest Speakers - (RSI staff- Collin Ernste, school counselor & Sally Diehl, Climate & Culture Specialist) - 15 minutes
  - [Social Emotional Learning & Support at RSI.pptx](#)
  - Team at RSI includes:
    - Collin Ernste - School Counselor
    - Sally Diehl - School Climate & Culture Specialist
    - Alyssa Mittag - School Social Worker
    - Sarah Rutledge - Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) Specialist
    - Jessie Lundin - School Psychologist
  - Team meets weekly and is in frequent communication
  - Multiple ways kids are identified as potentially benefiting from their services- students can self identify and visit Colin & Sally's office as needed, identified via test scores, teacher referrals, parent referrals, etc.
  - Staff may work individually with students, or in small groups
  - Second Step - a social emotional curriculum, district-wide, all grade levels, implemented weekly within classrooms
  - Collin teaches specific topics in classrooms monthly. November's topic was gratitude; December's topic will be community
  - Staff positions funded via district and grants funds
- Update from the Principals - (Ken Habel & Dr. Alejandra Estrada-Burt) - 10 minutes
  - Boosterthon- extremely thankful and grateful for community support!
  - Chess Club starts Friday, 12/1
  - MDE Visiting Teacher Program
    - Currently have one teacher at RSI via this program, and potential for more in the future
  - Recent district professional development days have been spent engaging in:
    - Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Teaching (CLRT) training
      - Working on engagement and responsiveness in classrooms
    - Center for Teaching for Biliteracy, ongoing training and development

- Implementing science curriculum developed last year & developing social science curriculum for next year
- Treasurer's Report (Morgan Wallace-Johnson) - 5 minutes
  - [10.31.2023 Treasurer's Report](#)
  - \$153,000 in bank at end of October; \$108,000 in restricted funds
  - Currently - \$12,244 remains in excess reserves
  - Grant Request - from Tammy Wahlin, 5th grade district/school band teacher
    - Grant request is out of cycle, but instruments will no longer be available by Feb 2024, the spring cycle deadline. Grant proposal is supported by RSI principals and PTO board.
    - 5 current students playing baritone @ RSI. Current school-owned baritones are from 1960s, and in very poor condition
    - Each baritone student is "supposed" to have two instruments- one at home, one at school as they are difficult to transport. But 10 playable instruments is not a realistic goal currently.
    - RSI has the lowest instrument inventory out of the entire district.
    - Historically, RSI band has asked that families provide/rent the instruments, but demographics are changing and there have been increased requests for school-owned rentals
    - 4 used baritones in great condition have been offered to Tammy from Groth Music in Bloomington for \$1185. 4 new baritones would be over \$8000
    - \$12,000 currently in excess reserves. If approved in full amount, would leave ~\$10,000 in excess reserves
    - Motion made by Steph Hanna to approve grant for \$1185. Seconded by Tiffany Knudsen. Motion approved.
- Program/Fundraiser Updates & Volunteer Needs - 15 minutes
  - Boosterthon/Dance-a-thon Recap (Tiffany Knudsen)
    - Goal was \$25,000; Raised over \$31,000
    - Stretch goal reached- will now have an iguana school mascot costume
  - Skate Night (Tiffany)
    - Tomorrow night, Wednesday, 11/29/23, 5:30 - 7pm @ Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids
    - Register early, prior to Wednesday. 100% of presale will return to the PTO
  - La Noche Sin Niños (Kristi Loeck/Mariah Messer)
    - February 23, 2024, @ DoubleTree - Hilton Hotel West End, 7pm - midnight
    - Looking for volunteers for solicitation for businesses for silent auction basket items
    - On-site childcare decision to be made:
      - Goal is to have La Noche be accessible and available to all families
      - Last year's childcare stats:
        - Total cost: \$651.09; Income: \$280.28 kids, 15 families utilized last year
        - 300 attendees total at La Noche
      - Other factors: Liability, supplies, hiring/vetting childcare providers, time spent coordinating, publicity,
      - Pros/Cons list, as identified by the La Noche committee, reviewed
      - PTO Board asked to bring it to GA meeting for discussion
      - If no volunteer to assist with childcare coordination, no childcare will be planned for this year's La Noche event
  - Dine to Donate Update (Toby Breuch)

- Culver's concrete mixers in November was last Dine to Donate
  - Still awaiting final numbers from Culver's
  - More Dine to Donate events to come in 2024
- Spanish Junior Great Books (SJGB) (Toby)
  - 4th and 5th grade students, limited spots
  - \$40/kid, to cover cost of intern time
  - Starts at 8am - 9:15- before school, 1 day/week, 8 weeks
  - Looking at possibly two cycles this school year
    - 1st cycle: week of Jan 8-Feb 26th
    - Tentative 2nd cycle: week of April 1 - May 20th
- Open Floor (Anyone) - Remaining time to 7:30 pm

**Scan code for Volunteer SignUp**



**Upcoming Events:**

- ☆ 11/29 Skate Night at Cheap Skate - Coon Rapids, 5 - 7:30pm
- ☆ 12/25 - 1/5 No School - Winter Break
- ☆ 1/11/24 Spirit Wear orders distributed to students
- ☆ 1/15/24 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ☆ 1/22/24 No School - Staff Workshop
- ☆ 1/23/24 January PTO General Assembly Meeting, 6:30-7:30, RSI Media Center & online
- ☆ 1/23/24 Lost and Found Clean Out
- ☆ 2/12/24 RSI Sledding Night- Time & Location TBD
- ☆ 2/23/24 La Noche Sin Ninos @ DoubleTree - Hilton Hotel West End, 7pm - midnight

\*\* Friendly reminder to please check the Lost and Found (at the main entrance of the school) for any items your student(s) may be missing!

**All are invited to join us for an informal social gathering at Schuller's in Golden Valley following this meeting**

**2023-24 RSIS PTO Board Members**

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

**Have questions or want to get involved?**

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