

## RES PTO General Meeting February 8, 2024 @ 7 pm ZOOM

*Our RES PTO: A community connected and inspired by acts of kindness*

1. **Welcome** (Haley Erdlen)
  - Board Meeting - March 7th (TBD if in-person)
  - General Meeting - April 11th (In-Person @ RES)
2. **RES Principal Update** (Dr. Young)
  - The students have enjoyed and benefited from empathy presentations. This is a holistic approach to nurturing great students.
    1. The 4th graders heard from a student with Tourette Syndrome
    2. The 5th Graders heard from Bob King regarding the Wayne Food Panty & Wayne Cares. This aligns with their upcoming service project.
3. **Teacher Liaisons Update** (Mrs. Maloney)
  - Thank you for International Week (France). Teachers thought that the fact sheets and videos were well-done. Additionally, The Little theater had great reviews from the teachers and it was a wonderful way for parents to come in a see how it all runs. Really pleased and happy.
4. **District Wide Updates** (Haley Erdlen)
  - Radnor Educational Foundation Gala on February 23rd @ St. David's Golf Club. Last day to purchase tickets is Friday, February 9th
  - Theme is Winter Wonderland, silent auction, tickets are \$150
  - Anne Peterson Award is going to Mr. Bob King
  - \$75 gift cards to families for Spring Break - stay tuned for more information
5. **Update on Past Events and Fundraisers**
  - **MLK Day of Service** (Update from Steph Baroni): Steph is not at the meeting and did not give a report. Moving this to the next meeting.
  - **Main Point Books Fundraiser** (Danielle Callahan): No totals yet, but there was a lot of foot-traffic and positive feedback. Danielle Callahan did a great job. Rocky the Mascot came. Sarah Wallace did a read-a-long at 1:00pm. Hard to get a group of people all there at once. Book store made signs and were super supportive. If we make this an annual event, this could grow to be a really great fundraiser
  - **International Week** (Aaron Olivo); Start with the signup earlier next year; Learning curve with the Little Theater, but overall successful. In terms of next year, maybe the International Week Committee picks the country? Or selects before the end of the school year. Top picks based on Aaron's survey include: Brazil, Australia, India.
  - **Potluck Dinner** (Aaron Olivo): The Pot Luck attendance was lower than expected. Maybe start earlier in the eventing? Could help with people with little kids.
6. **Update on Ongoing Events and Fundraisers**

- **Read For the House** (Sara Wallace): Kicked off February 1st. 25 registered readers so far who raised almost \$2K. Positioned to raise a good amount of money. Last year we erased over \$10 which was more than the other elementary schools. There is still time to signup. Donates come in March - April. Sara's last year at RES so she needs a replacement. Light lift, fun and the Read for the House coordinator is lovely. Doesn't take a ton of time. Last year the region raised over \$200K helps pay for hospital stays. Overlaps with the Healthy Heart fund raisers, but nothing really to do about it.
- **Tredici Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser** (Haley Erdlen)
  1. 38 orders placed (cap was 35). Picked up over 2 days next week
- **Valentine's Cookie Kit Fundraiser** (Erin Brennan)
  2. Deadline is today not a huge response initially, marketing push at the end
- **Annual Fund** (Jenn Breen): Not on the call, \$6K raised
- **Community Outreach/Giving Fridays** (Caitlin Akins, Erin Brennan): RES gives the most amount the the organization, really proud, teacher push which is really helpful
- **Pretzel Fridays** (Maris Leo): Virtual Friday, day added in April. New chair next year, Dana
- **Bulletin Boards** (Erin Dinger): Amazing job, just put up Read for the House, Art Goes to School next week. Valentine's Day focusing on kindness, then Little Mermaid
- **5th Grade Activities** (Caren Kelman, Maureen Niles): Wayne Cares to help Radnor Township 160 summer baskets. Try to help lessen the basket shortage. Each class is having a challenge. Kick ball extra recess made popsicles for unity. Need to give back and teach them this. Empathy theme. First time doing the project.
- **Yearbook** (Gayle Erdosy, Gina Terkanian, Martha Coates): Photo deadline has passed.
- **Musical Theatre** (Margot O'Donnell): 1 month away! Raised above goals for program sponsors. Shoutouts are still open - link to form in RES Express. March 2 public ticket sales. 4 performances.

## 7. Update on Future Events and Fundraisers

- **Outdoor Classroom Update** (Craig Wiesen)
  1. Grading permit was submitted, then building permit on Feb 13 had to go to facilities meeting and hopefully get approval that night. Or Feb 20 business meeting. Once approved, contractors can start.
- **Cultural Arts** (Bree Truby, Suzanne Bowers): Rock assembly rescheduled to Feb 23rd (snow date) Science Joe late April/May, May is Mother Goose and Betsey Ross
- **Dining Out / Local Business Fundraisers** (Danielle Callahan): Next Chiptles on March 12, 25% of sales go back to RES if you mention RES. This is a Tuesday.
- **REF Update** (Bradley Moore, Allison DeLaurentis): Spring grant letter of intention are due March 8. Apply for a grant by this deadline
- **Art Goes To School** (Aaron Olivo): training meeting was 2/7 and the signup is almost ready to go out. 1 presenter and 2 parent volunteers.
- **Homeroom Representatives Update** (Danielle Dehoratius): Gearing up Valentine's Day parties. Signup went out later - earlier is better.
- **Winter Spirit Gear** (Martha Coates): Little Mermaid t-shirt, can't do it; Adding spring items. Trying to sell RES bracelets that the students make. Responsibility Empathy and Self-Awareness
- **Read for the House** (Sara Wallace)

- **Bingo** (Bree Truby): Moved from 2/8 because special someone township dance, April 5th
  - **Someone Special Game Night** (Jenn Breen): Planning stages, red top, pizza, DJ. Needs a rain date and wants to keep it outside. **April 26th**
  - **Science Fair** (Tolga Latif): Early planning stages, week of April 8th (full solar eclipse), full in Erie, PA.
  - **Run Club** (Tara Huang): Starting 4/11, capping at 50 kids. Open to all grades. Starts right after school and meets in the Little Theater. Working on t-shirts, swags for the kids - socks, bracelets, visors. Run until 4:30, pickup is at 4:40pm. Run across the bridge and around the track. Will need parent volunteers and a snack.
  - **SmartRun** (Suzana Tsao, Erica Shaw): Sunday May 19 - 1-mile 8:30, 5K starts at 9am. Starting on sponsorships. Still looking for new sponsors. Feb 25 at 9:30am at Mad Anthony Wayne Cafe if anyone wants to join in. Thinking bright colors for the shirt. Maybe a tank top option?
  - **Teacher Appreciation (Kerrin Noeller & Kate Hoffman)**: Stock teach lounge, frig, week long event in May.
8. **Treasurer Update** (Emily Quinones): Budget is moving along, a bit quiet before musical theater.
  9. **Communications Update** (Bonnie Silverberg/Melissa Bender, Jessica More, Steve Kerr)
  10. **Questions/Comments/Other**  
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