

Parent Staff Association Meeting Minutes

1/12/2024 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Ashley Fortier, Shalu Sharma, Samantha Fredell, Melissa Clawson, Heather Curtin, Kataline Gergo, Michelle Galluzzo

- Call to Order - Heather Curtin motioned and Shalu Sharma seconded
- Secretary's Report – all were in favor to approve the prior meeting minutes from 11/10/23
- Treasurer's Report
 - Skate Night – made \$707 dollars
 - Spiritwear – RAMS Way t-shirts are included in this number, but \$478.61 without the t-shirts
 - Cards for a Cause - \$313 made; easy fundraiser to do
 - Winter Wonderland Dance - \$350 is the photo booth
 - Admin Expense is the change with auto bank statements to receive printed checks for ease for the annual PRSD audit
- Dr. Kristofic
 - Thank you – the t-shirts provided to the teachers and staff have been great; in fact, they all wore them the day prior
 - Dance is on – lots of buzz amongst the students
 - Scheduling season has started
 - Timeline was moved up a bit
 - Change in curriculum – incoming 7th graders will choose a language for 7th versus having the four quarter rotation; staffing is being considered/evaluated; this is a result of the in depth review in early 2022
 - Foreign language can be changed for the next grade year if wanted/needed
 - 8th grade – will be heading to the HS soon (this month) for a visit; Parent's night will be early February
 - HS peer to peer groups have come to introduce their organization to the current 8th graders
 - Every 8th grader will have a guidance counselor meeting; lots of email communications for parents forthcoming
 - Creating pathways occur through grades, star assessments, teacher attribute/recommendations, PA added assessment formulas make predictions – those predictions are very accurate
 - students on the border – teacher/principal discussions as well as parent input
 - parents have right to submit waivers
 - Feb 8 for parent meeting for rising 7th graders
 - Feb 1 for parent meeting for rising 9th graders
 - keystones for Alegbra are in May
 - Parent follow up question – do you feel the behavior has improved that was discussed during prior PSA meeting?
 - Teaching continues along the way
 - Kids are reporting it more, but occurrences are still transpiring

- Guidance is involved for the student who is impacted by the behavior of the other student
 - There is PA mandated incident metrics reporting that PR complies with
 - Parent follow up question – how has the support been for the recent deaths that included a PR student?
 - Lots of support from families over the holiday
 - Proactive reaching out to certain families
 - Teachers were also included in the support needs (for themselves personally)
- Upcoming Events
 - Winter Dance
 - State Night
 - Spring Event? PSA is unsure if this will move forward due to spring busyness
 - 8th Grade Celebration
 - Maybe a breakfast before school starts using Sodexo, conversations with Sodexo have started
 - 8th grade shirts (collect funds, but any unused funds will move up with the current class to the HS)
- Hospitality
 - Thanksgiving Meal, Holiday Cookie Table, and RAMS Way snack cart
 - Punch a Cup for Staff was successful before the holiday – solo cup punch and pull out a gift card, treats, cafeteria snack coupons, lotto tickets (was from the holiday cookie gift card donations); every staff member was able to participate and was minimal cost for PSA
- Gifting
 - Team 7B requested \$150 for an activity; was approved and executed in fall
- Leadership Role Resignation:
 - Ashley Fortier was elected to the PRSD School Board
 - She is choosing to resign to maintain separation of influence
 - Per our by-laws – a vacancy occurring in any office, except the President, shall be filled until the next annual election by a person appointed by a majority vote of the Officers
 - Since the PSA already operates with two VP's and it is already mid-year; Officers voted to not fill the vacancy and only have one VP the remainder of this year
- Motion to adjourn – Samantha Fredell with Michelle Galluzzo seconded
- Next meeting scheduled for March 8th from 9:30-10:30 am in the Middle School Chorus Room