

## RSMS PSO August Meeting Executive Board

08/26/24 – 6 p.m. RSMS Cafeteria

Present: Kristen Engle, Katie Gregston, Dr. Birkenmeier, Alicia Arens, Dave Sanders, Sara Simpson, Jennifer Van Dyke

- Principal's Report
  - Dr. Birkenmeier thanked Sara Simpson for her school support and assisting with parent/administration communication. Dr. Birkenmeier appreciates problem solving, communication, & policies that make good “common sense” for RSMS. She has an “open door” policy to handle questions & concerns. Students are learning about “Collaborative Learning” currently & this skill building will build towards more academic related discussions.
  
- Presidents' Report
  - Lockers/Facebook discussion: Children are welcome to use lockers at scheduled times. Part of middle school learning involves learning to properly use and store learning materials.
  - April 15 Meeting: There may be some PSO calendar dates that need to be revised. We did change one date. We will meet April 28<sup>th</sup> and delete the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  
- Treasurer's Report
  - We have \$6000 in the bank account. Total revenue is \$3340. Costs include 250 dollars for “Back to School Breakfast.” School store spent \$600. The PSO approved an 80 dollar expense for the outdoor classroom (Sam Walk requested).
  
- Action Items
  - Teacher “Wish List” vs. Teacher Grants Application Process: PSO received a request for funds for personal hygiene items, snacks, etc. to be used support students who need these items. One potential idea is to ask parents to send items to the school through Amazon. PSO can promote the idea. Katie G. will ask Amy Horn if she needs assistance. Dr. Birkenmeier will also follow up.
  - Dr. Birkenmeier will review teacher requests and the PSO will vote afterwards on the requests. Request form will be changed to a “google document.” Teachers should submit requests for grants by September 20<sup>th</sup>. PSO will communicate about grants in the newsletter. Amounts will

be distributed in November unless funds are requested sooner. Form will include directions. Kick off for the “Falcon Fun” will be Oct. 4. Our goal is to reach the goal by Halloween.

- Sam Walk request update: approved expenditures for the Outdoor Classroom.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade dance & field day positions still open. Date for field day is set.
  - Set new date to launch the beginning of Falcon Fund Donations for Teacher Wish Lists
  - Date for the Lulu Raffle: will occur at the end of November after Thanksgiving. The drawing will be a few days before the winter break. We will promote this raffle for 2 weeks.
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- Executive Board Updates
    - Communications: Flow of information process: Katie said we need to organize the way we communicate with the office about what needs to go on parent square
    - Cotillion update: Cotillion people asked us to do another round of outreach for enrollment before it starts in Sept.