

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING MINUTES

## FRIDAY, December 13, 2024

### ATTENDEES:

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Rachel Anderson  
Jennifer Low  
Mindy Bryan  
Rachael Barry  
Beth Anderson  
Jen White  
Tamara Bove  
Ms. Stacey Brown

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM

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Approved meeting minutes: Charron Wright motioned to approve. Mindy Bryan seconded.

### MISC:

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rachel Anderson and Charron Wright -

- CheddarUp for December staff lunch - collected \$2,585 so far
- WIDA Testing Snacks – 200 ENL students take 4 tests over a 6 week period. Want snacks and water; will look at what we purchased last year and will purchase snacks when school resumes in January.
- \$500 cash prize for Blue Crew dodgeball tournament - PTO provided the cash and the school reimbursed since the school cannot give out cash.
- Paige Vinson will need a check from PTO for \$100 retirement gift card - school will reimburse the PTO
- Ed Puzzle quote is for \$3,930.40 (Mr. Simmons quoted \$4,800) - Bailey Meyer, the new school treasurer, tells us the quote is less
- \$600 for HSEF Legacy Celebration Sponsorship - invoice paid

- HSEF auction basket started - \$163.20 (so far), will spend about \$250 in total, will add some alcohol

Current account balances:

Checking \$9,124.34

Savings \$107,592.29

Ms. Brown says an invoice should be coming in January for \$4500 to cover half the cost of printing course fair guides.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Ms. Brown -

Course Fair/8th Grade Night is Jan 16, 5:30-8pm. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent information starts at 6pm. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have combined the Course Fair, AP/Dual Credit information, and the 8th Grade Night. Mostly 8<sup>th</sup> grade families attend. Mr. Urban will talk about the new diploma requirements. Adding a session for "Athletes and Academics". 250 courses represented and all of our departments will be present, as well as IU and Ivy Tech. This has already been announced at the junior high schools. Counselors will go to the junior highs in February. The sessions will be recorded and put on the website. Parent Square is coming out today to parents to announce these details. Expecting a class of around 900 Freshman in the fall and Fishers will have about 800. All Freshman will take a Freshman Seminar course. There is a team of teachers that is developing that curriculum.

Thanked PTO for helping out with dodgeball. There were 15 teams of students signed up. Most games were played during Pathways, but the championship game was at halftime at the boys basketball game. The champion team won \$500 prize. Planning on Powder Puff game in the Spring. These events are planned by Blue Crew.

Shout out to Unified Performing Arts for their show at the choir concert. They were incredible! Mrs. Mullins said there were 60 peers and around 25 exceptional learners. Grants from the City of Fishers were awarded to this program.

School Improvement Plan Team met again last week. There are 3 goals. **1). Improve the number of students meeting the math benchmark on the SAT.** 54% of our Juniors met that benchmark. The goal is that 60% will meet it. Looking at gender and racial disparities. The math department has made an effort to better align their work to the questions on the SAT. Encouraging conversations about best practices. 120 Junior students were sent a letter that there will be 5 lessons/workshops for the students who are "on the bubble" in math benchmarks. The benchmark is a score of 530 on the SAT. **2). Attendance goal** - the state

changed how they calculate attendance. Now they look at what percentage of students meet the 94% attendance rate benchmark (being present 170 of 180 days). This means that students should not have more than 10 absences in a school year. 75% of our students are on track to meet the 94% attendance rate goal. Our goal is for 80% of our students to meet the 94% attendance rate. Other area schools are lower, including Noblesville and Carmel. Some students go on extended trips overseas for family events and some travel for sports. **3). Graduation rate** is mandated by the district. We have a 98+% graduation rate. Looking at our dual credit/AP and industry certifications. Ms. Collins oversees student services and interventions. Having a winter crash course for seniors to get credit back from any classes they failed that were requirements for graduation. We have Academy Lite (Academy teacher is in the building). Goal is to maintain what we already do well.

Excited about Pearl Street next week. Admin will provide breakfast for the staff on Wednesday next week. PTO will provide lunch on that Friday.

### **REQUISITIONS:**

None

### **CONCESSIONS:**

Rachael Barry -

Donkey basketball is Jan 24, 2025. Jan 17<sup>th</sup> is the Boys/Girls Varsity Basketball doubleheader. The Dance Team parents will work that game. Tonight is Senior Night for Boys Basketball and will be one of the biggest games of the season. There is only one senior on the team. It has been difficult getting basketball parents to volunteer for concessions.

\$120 invoice for diagnosing problems with the motherboard of the popcorn maker. Will have to pay for installation.

### **STAFF APPRECIATION:**

Becky Gerig -

December - Pearl Street holiday lunch Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Will have 2 separate lines to reduce the wait. Will provide to go containers and will ask Stephanie Peterson to send a note asking staff to use to go boxes only for transportation and to try not taking extra food/filling it up.

Waiting on 2025 plans until we know if PTO will need to help pay for a bigger end of year event for Mrs. Collins' plans. Charron mentioned that Mr. Simmons will let PTO know in January what the end of year plans will be.

**BEAUTIFICATION:**

Charron Wright and Jen Low -

Pots have been updated with winter decor - greenery and ornaments

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Charron Wright -

Foundation basket

Auction Basket for HSEF Legacy Celebration. Purchased a metal water bottle, blanket, winter hat, Royals flag, 2 stadium chairs, and 2 sets of Royals Croc Jibbitz from the Fan Stand (\$163.20).

RVC will donate some non-apparel items for the Foundation basket. Athletics donated 2 All-Sports passes for 2025-2026. Will buy some alcohol (Crown Royal, wine, etc.) to include with some Royals wine glasses that RVC will donate. Stephanie Peterson is working on the Senior Perks Package. Basket is due to Foundation by 1/24/25.

Next meeting Jan 17, 2025

**Meeting dates for the remainder of the year:**

Jan 17, 2025

Feb 21, 2025

March 21, 2025

April 18, 2025

May 9, 2025 – new date

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.