

Richland Elementary PTO Agenda

March 12, 2025

I. Call to Order

- a. Welcome

Attendees:

II. Principal's Update

- a. The door decorating brought some great spirit to the building overall, considerations for the future as they seemed to cause a bit more strain on teachers this year than last.
- b. Another successful book fair, thanks for being supportive of the building and promoting literacy through events such as this!
- c. Heart Ball and Open Houses were successful - how do we make sure that events such as the Heart Ball are carried out as designed - parent and child evenings and not parents chasing their children through the building? Hance is open to brainstorming as they are seeing similar challenges with some similar events.
- d. Math Pathways
- e. PSSA testing dates - 4/22, 23, 25 for ELA;
- f. Eden Hall Transition Activities for current 3rd grade: Taylor Swift Night 4/4 RSVP, Parent Orientation 5/12 AM or PM time no RSVP, Students visit Eden Hall 5/15, Explore Eden Hall 5/21 6:30-8:30pm
- g. Teacher Appreciation Week always feels so spirited and the teachers feel appreciated - keep an eye out for donation opportunities!

III. Approve February meeting minutes -

IV. Treasurer's Report

- i. Review 2024/25 Budget

V. Old Business

- a. Assemblies
 - i. Mad Science- Jan
- b. Spirit Wear-
- c. Chick-fil-A receipts - ongoing
- d. Holiday Shop
 - i. Update on earnings
 - ii. Sign-up for next year
- e. Community Outreach
 - i. School Supply drive

- ii. Penguins game- \$600+ made (can include extra options of having kids go on ice after game for next year)
 - iii. Pirates Game option
- f. Staff Appreciation-
 - i. Cookie Table
 - ii. Valentines Cart with gift cards
- g. Art Explorers
 - i. Ensure third grade project is consistent over all classes- flowers, not portrait
- h. Move-A-Thon
 - i. Well received from teachers and kids (liked more than fun run- more inclusive)
 - 1. Move time of year
 - 2. Video script / example for kid fundraising pages
 - 3. Corporate Donors
 - 4. Give more lead time for volunteer sign-up
 - i. Move to the Fall. (move family fun night to spring)
- i. Heart Ball
 - i. Very successful event with over 650 attendees. Finalizing profit from event. \$3,000+ estimated income, \$2,000 estimated profit
 - ii. Movie and photo booth
 - iii. Magnolia and Pine - dine out night
- j. Kindness Doors
 - i. Time and parent involvement were a teacher concern
- k. Science Fair
 - i. Display on library shelves
 - ii. Extend to cultural fair- change wording of worksheets
- l. Book Fair (Scholastic)
 - i. March 3- 7th
 - ii. Final Sales and allocation of funds
 - iii. Literati set up for next year (how do online sales get credited to school)
Literati placeholders in fall and spring
- m. Sock Fundraiser- delivery by spring break

VI. New Business

- a. Assemblies:

I. Laser Show - Reading theme (May 9th)	II. Feedback on assemblies for next year planning
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- b. After School Programs
 - i. Spanish - Monday's - March 21- May 12
 - ii. Baker's Dozen - Complete

- iii. Mad Science - Complete
 - iv. Girls Field Hockey - Complete on March 13th
 - v. Kids of Steel- Start in April?
 - 1. Looking for a chair
 - 2. Separate sign up online to run in May downtown
 - vi. Registration language to be updated / Name Fields to update in Registration form for Beth C. sorting
- c. Bulletin boards
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Dine out nights- discontinuing overall unless attached to an event (heart ball, etc)
 - ii. Look into Meal Kits at Moe's for Cinco de Mayo
- e. Staff Appreciation
 - i. Pi Day- 3/14 (Beth ordering, SH picking up, KS/KT setting up)
 - ii. PSSA kits- 4/21 (done week before spring break)
 - iii. Flower Hunt- first week in April
- f. Rams Way School Store
 - i. Starting back up in April thru end of year
 - ii. Schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - iii. Inventory with images will be provided to teachers
- g. Original Works
 - i. All artwork collected, labeled, and returned by March 21st
 - ii. Parent help tues/wed/thurs of next week to finish up missing kids etc
- h. Movie Day- only in the fall this year, no spring session
- i. Spirit Wear -thru March 14th
 - i. Do we only do 2 periods next year (Fall & Spring?)
- j. Stock the staff lounge with Amazon and Target Wish lists - ongoing
 - i. Funds and donations for stocking the staff lounge
- k. Picture Day- March 18th
- l. Bloom Flower Sale - March 21st kick off
- m. Teacher Appreciation Week- Disney Themed
 - i. Monday- Appetizer bar (EPCOT day- around the world)
 - ii. Tuesday- Coffee Truck, Nothing bundt cakes (Alice in Wonderland)
 - iii. Wednesday- Texas Roadhouse (Toy Story)
 - iv. Thursday- Flower Bar, hydration station (Encanto, Beauty and the Beast, nemo)
 - v. Friday- Laser show assembly, raffle, world of snacks (??)
 - vi. Competition game? Bingo card?
 - vii. Raffle- planters, gift cards, lottery tickets, use cheddar up
 - viii. Giving teachers a break (during assembly?)
- n. 3rd Grade fun day - committee started meeting

- o. Field Day
 - i. PTO giveaway- sunglasses and sweat band
- p. Third Grade Move Up Day
- q. PSSA's
- r. Recess Equipment- need smaller footballs and basketballs (junior size)
 - i. Remove shed on blacktop
- s. Glow Week- April 9, 10, 11th, wishlist posted on FF
- t. Penny Wars- during 100 days, 100 coins (Jan 2026)
- u. Winter Field day (rescheduled date)
- v. Next PTO meeting- May 15th at 6:30 TBD