

Richland Elementary PTO Agenda

May 15, 2025

I. Call to Order

- a. Welcome

Attendees:

II. Principal's Update

- a. Math Pathways
- b. Teacher Appreciation was a phenomenal success, the buzz of appreciation for the PTO was loud in the building!
- c. Big projects for next year - Murals? Playground?
- d. Summer project update - HVAC system

III. Approve March meeting minutes -

III. Approve Amended by-laws

IV. 2025-2026 Board Vote

- a. President
- b. VP Membership
- c. VP Enrichment
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary

V. Treasurer's Report

- i. Review 2024/25 Budget

VI. Old Business

- a. Assemblies
 - i. Laser show- May 7
- b. Spirit Wear -
- c. Chick-fil-A receipts - ongoing
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Earth Day event April 26
 - ii. Pirates Game option
- e. Staff Appreciation-
 - i. Pi Day
 - ii. Flower Hunt
 - iii. PSSA kits and breakfast

- iv. Staff In-Service May 2
- v. Staff Appreciation Week
- f. After School Programs
 - i. Spanish - Monday's - March 21- May 12
 - ii. Kids of Steel- concluded May 7th
- g. Book Fair (Scholastic)
- h. Sock Fundraiser- delivered
- i. Original Works
 - i. All forms collected
 - ii. Items delivered
- j. Bloom Flower Sale - Pick up was April 30
- k. Winter Field day- May 9

VI. New Business

- a. Assemblies:
 - I. Feedback on assemblies for next year planning
- b. After School Programs
 - i. Bring back some favorite: Spanish Enrichment, Baker's Dozen, Mad Science, Kids of STEEL, Girls Field Hockey
 - ii. Add some new: SING,SING,SING, Sophia's Gourmet Chow, Art focused (Twig and Berry?)
- c. Bulletin boards
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. New opportunities: Penguins nights, Riverhounds nights, Pitt Games, RMU games, ice skating, etc
- e. Fundraising
 - i. Feedback and ideas for 2025/2026
- f. Staff Appreciation
 - i.
- g. Rams Way School Store
 - i. Wrapping up end of May
- h. Spirit Wear -
 - i. Do we only do 2 periods next year (Fall & Spring?)
- i. Stock the staff lounge with Amazon and Target Wish lists - ongoing
 - i. Funds and donations for stocking the staff lounge
 - ii. Stock the teacher classroom prize bins
- j. 3rd Grade fun day - May 28
- k. Field Days- May 29 and June 2 (rain date June 3)
 - i. PTO giveaway- vinyl stickers and rubber wristbands

- l. Recess Equipment- need smaller footballs and basketballs (junior size)
 - i. Remove shed on blacktop
 - ii. Teachers are requesting that equipment is replaced more frequently
- m. End of year assembly - Amy Molitor is looking for 5 blow up adult sized child appropriate costumes
- n. Communication from PTO
 - i. Membership Toolkit

Richland Elementary School PTO Board Ballot

President - 2 year term

Jessica Kogut

Hi. I'm Jessica Kogut, proud mom of Ashton (a rising 1st Grader) and stay at home mom. Prior to having Ashton I lived in New York City and worked as a Broadway actress. I am also a former Disney princess - shhh.... Don't tell your kids :). Additionally, I previously worked for Gartner in CT where I was a part of planning and coordinating large scale corporate events. I grew up 1 hour from Pittsburgh and our family decided to grow new roots here in Pine Township in 2021. I did my Masters Degree at Carnegie Mellon and therefore have a love for Pittsburgh and a giant passion for academia and the arts. It is my hope that over the next two years we can continue to grow the standard of excellence that Richland PTO is known for. During my sons first year at Richland I have served on many committees and have been learning the PTO ropes. I am committed to our kids and making Richland Elementary the best of the best. I look forward to serving as President of the RES PTO for 2025-2027.

Treasurer - 2 year term

Kristen Trombetta

Hi - I'm Kristen Trombetta. Proud mom of Elle (in Mrs. Zimmerman's 3rd Grade class - on her way to Eden Hall), Kenny (in Mrs. Cox's 1st grade class) and Tanner (4). I'm running for reelection for the Treasurer position that I've held for the past two years. We've held successful fundraisers, family events, teacher appreciation and countless programs for the students of RES. My hope is to continue to make RES the special place that it is by growing and improving our processes and systems every year with a balanced budget.

I worked for many years prior to moving to PR in NYC. I ran New Business and Corp Comm for a global advertising agency. As for non-profits, I've been volunteering - for

longer than I care to admit - in my spare time. All of the organizations have an underlying theme to help kids thrive and grow in their environments. I will continue to bring the same focus and passion to RES and our kids.

I will be part of the Richland Elementary community for many years to come and I want only the best for our kids and the community. I'm looking forward to continuing the legacy of great work by the RES PTO.

Secretary - 2 year term Amanda Hammel

My name is Amanda Hammel, and I'm excited for the opportunity to serve as PTO Secretary at Richland Elementary. I have three children - Charlie, a rising third grader; Owen, a rising first grader; and Harper, who is almost three. Before becoming a parent, I worked in management for a software company's customer support team, where I developed strong organizational and communication skills. Currently, I serve as the Homeroom Coordinator and enjoy being actively involved in our school community. I look forward to continuing to support Richland through the PTO Board.

Vice President Enrichment - 2 year term Kristen Schaffert

I'm Kristen Schaffert, proud mom to Austin (who will be a 4th grader at Eden Hall next year), Tyler (who will be a 1st grader) and Jordan (3). I have lived in Pine Township for 7 years and am excited to continue our kid's journey through the Pine Richland school district. I have had the pleasure of helping the PTO with projects over the past few years, and I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of the amazing group of women who lead the PTO. I have a background in fundraising and executive administration, both have come in handy for the many committees I have served, and I look forward to working with the PTO Board for the 2025-2026 school year.

Vice President Membership - 1 year term Apryl Pratt

Hello Richland Families! My name is Apryl Pratt. I was born and raised in Gibsonia and went to Richland Elementary myself in 5th grade. Before having children of my own, I was an elementary school teacher in Austin, TX for several years. I now stay home with my 2 sons. Parker is a rising 5th grader and Jackson will be in 2nd grade. I am excited for the opportunity to continue to serve on the PTO Board!