

Richland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

I. Call to Order

- a. Welcome
- b. Attendees: Lona Kubik, Apryl Pratt, Jess Kogut, Jenna Rucker, Kristen Schaffert, Amanda Hammel

II. Principal's Update

- a. RAMS Way Refresher Assembly Sharing
 - i. Refresh assembly was on Friday. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Molitor are RAMS way coordinators. Teachers did challenges against each other. Two teams with three different challenges. Hola hoop, cotton eye joe, hungry hungry hippo. The students were excellent.
 - ii. March 9th - School Store. Slide deck of the items. February 2nd is the new RAMS Way colored ticket. No kid should have more than 50 tickets - so there is consistency.
- b. Upcoming Author visit surprise for students, reveal coming in the next weeks!
 - i. Reveal of the author (each librarian is doing a video). Promotion is starting next week. Friday Flash will have the presale. First video is on Monday, January 26th.
 - ii. After January 30th we can start promoting
- c. Standards of Math Practices - Teacher PD
 - i. In-depth review of Math. Currently, K-3 are exploring standards of math practices. Team meetings in December and January the videos were reviewed with the staff, there are 8 standards. Creating kids that can talk about math and not just calculators.
- d. Holiday appreciation - Coffee Truck, treats and appreciation
 - i. Roaming Bean
 - 1. Promote to parents
 - 2. Proceeds kick back to PTO
- e. Needs from others??

III. Approve November meeting minutes - Approved

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. 1st half of year actual vs. budget
 - i. Move a thon and holiday shop raised more
 - ii. Gift of Time
 - 1. Membership toolkit and timing of it

- b. Holiday Shop

V. Old Business

- a. Assemblies
 - i. Mad Scientist
 - 1. January 28th at 10 and 2
 - a. After School programs tied to it.
 - b. Potential for another session
 - ii. Laser Show
 - iii. Author Reveal
- b. Spirit Wear
 - i. Located on Membership Toolkit
 - ii. \$310 since starting in December
 - iii. Flyers going home with students for the 25% sale
 - iv. Gift card for Gift of Time and \$110 we can use to buy swag
- c. Chick-fil-A receipts - ongoing
 - i. KT is on that
 - ii. Week of valentine's day for teachers lunch
- d. Community Outreach
 - i. Pens game - January 29th
 - 1. 25 tickets purchased at Richland
- e. Staff Appreciation-
 - i. Coffee truck
 - 1. Flat rate of \$550
 - a. Look into other options
 - ii. 12 days of Christmas
 - 1. Snacks, gift cards, candy, and
- f. After School Programs
 - i. Bakers Dozen, Out of the Box, Sing Sing Sing
- g. Gift of Time
 - i. Breakfast February 20th
 - 1. Deadline is at 10 pm
 - 2. Giving Lisa the final number
 - 3. Lauren will be there for the lunch
 - a. Jess and Amanda helping.
 - 4. Next Friday it will be announced who won

VI. New Business

- a. Assemblies
 - i. World Read Aloud Day
 - 1. Trying to get Penguins player
- b. 100th Day of School

- i. 100 Days Brighter
 - ii. Penny Wars (looking for 4 water jugs)
 - 1. Coin war
 - 2. Lona asking
 - 3. Award - grade level that wins has tech free recess with games in each homeroom
 - a. Game day
 - 4. Kick off 30th and runs for a week
- c. Discovery Fair for 3rd Grade
 - i. Kicked off January 26th
 - ii. 6 Help desk session
- d. After School Programs
 - i. Baker's Dozen, Mad Science(K-1 and 2-3), Field Hockey (partnering with the high school team)
 - ii. Kids of Steel
 - 1. March tied to Pittsburgh Marathon
 - a. Active hours adds up to the 25 hours
 - b. Teachers Mr. Hackworth, Ms Seman, and Mrs. Savannah
 - c. Friday Flash
 - d. Tshirts are being made for Wexford and Eden Hall
 - iii. Spring - Mad Science, Mrs. Batson, Sing Sing Sing
- e. Art Explorers
 - i. March 9th - 20th
 - 1. Volunteers
 - 2. A different art lesson for each grade
- f. Bulletin boards
 - i. Playground board is happening next month
 - ii. Cafeteria ones will be done on Friday
- g. Heart Ball
 - i. February 27th 6- 7:30 pm
 - ii. Parents staying with children during the event
 - iii. \$5/per person (if parent brings two kids it is easier to calculate this way)
 - iv. The theme is more generic; hearts, purples, pinks etc..
 - v. February 2nd tickets go on sale
 - vi. Sing Sing Sing donating time, picture stations (2) - auditorium, and by the cafeteria.
 - vii. ROTC and NHS to get volunteers for bingo and tattoos
- h. Community Outreach
 - i. Sock Drive
 - 1. Have not heard from the people that coordinators that
- i. Staff Appreciation

- i. Cookie Table February 9th
 - 1. Signup for cookies, muffins, protein balls, granola
 - 2. Great respond so far
 - 3. Lollipop cart
- ii. Stock the staff lounges
 - 1. Checking to see on the coffee
- iii. Rock. Paper, Scissors event for Staff (led by Lauren O)
 - 1. 2 Pens tickets with parking pass
- j. Rams Way School Store
 - a. March 9 we will get the school store set and underway.
 - b. Keep an eye out for volunteer updates etc.
- k. Book Fair
 - i. March 2nd to 6th during Open House (March 3rd and 5th)
 - ii. March 6 we will have to do a decent clean up/turn around of room 117 turn for getting the school store set for the next week.
 - iii. Sending the series, talked to them about restocking
- l. Communication from PTO
 - i. Membership Toolkit
 - 1. Sending emails through membership toolkit
- m. Yearbook Sales
 - i. 302 yearbooks sold
 - ii. April 1st
 - iii. We had a camera donated for the yearbook
 - 1. Purchase memory card