RES PTO
Meeting Minutes

Organization	RES PTO
Date	March 2026
Attendance	14 in attendance (including 5 officers, principal, and teacher representative)

Principal's Message

- Conference season is now underway. Dr. Young encouraged parents to reach out to specials teachers in addition to their classroom teacher, as Special Area teachers see students in a different structure and are part of their journey K–5.
- Parents are encouraged to share information with and ask questions of their child's teachers — make the conference time worthwhile.
- Dr. Young also offers monthly conferences through the end of the year to discuss how the year is going and hopes for the following year. Parents are welcome to reach out directly to schedule.
- Pineapple Day is coming up. The tradition was started by a family from the south, inspired by the pineapple as a symbol of southern hospitality. It has evolved to celebrate kindness and this year carries a focus on inclusivity. Students were polled for activity ideas; the leading idea is a "ball challenge" — donating balls to schools with fewer resources. The Philly Friendship Circle Organization and a special needs school through the DCIU would be the recipients. This will be organized as a grade-level challenge, with the top-donating grade earning a special activity. Fifth grade ambassadors will lead students in a pineapple pledge and banner-signing to promote kindness.

Teacher Liaison Update

Reported by: Ms. Maloney

- Ms. Maloney expressed gratitude for the pod refreshes, noting that returning high school students have commented on how the spaces look the same — a meaningful and exciting observation.
- There is great excitement among staff for the upcoming 5th grade play.
- Strong positive buzz from students about the STEM Fair — students were enthusiastic about sharing their passions in a different academic setting.
- Teachers are looking forward to conferences and encourage parents to bring up everything — open communication helps meet the needs of each child.
- Teachers are invited to submit raffle/volunteer opportunity ideas for the Spring Fundraiser by emailing the PTO directly. The PTO will share a list of ideas — contributions can be as simple or elaborate as desired, and are teacher-driven.

Volunteer Recognition

- Bulletin Board: Jordan Byrd
- Beautification: Amy Schwarz & Maria Reilly

- Sandwich Board: Deanna Galloway
- Musical Theatre: Bree Truby & Haley Erdlen
- Yearbook: Kate Fell
- Pretzel Fridays: Dayna Peck
- Dining Out: Jacob Abramowitz
- Thank you to all volunteers who pick up and deliver Giving Fridays donations to the food pantry.

District-Wide Updates

Community Outreach — Spring Break Gift Card Drive

- The District-Wide PTO has launched its annual Spring Break Gift Card Drive. Funds are collected via Venmo and used to purchase grocery gift cards for Radnor families identified by RTSD social workers. Please note the new Venmo account: @Radnor-districtwide-pto. (Funds only — no physical cards.)

Radnor Educational Fund (REF)

- REF is currently holding an online auction associated with the Harlem Wizards fundraising event on March 16th. Link available in the Radnor Reader.
- WES librarian Sue Dahlstrom is the 2026 Anne Peters Award recipient; REF will present the award at the game.

Earth Day — WES Celebration (April 22)

- WES is hosting an Earth Day celebration and is seeking an RES representative to attend and share information about how RES gets kids outside and moving, and what environmental actions the school community takes. Volunteers are encouraged to step up — please reach out if interested.

Treasurer's Update

Reported by: Kristen (on behalf of Alissa)

- Overall finances are tracking well.
- Annual Fund has raised approximately $9,300, including ticket sales and donations.
- A $7,000 deposit for TopGolf (Spring Fundraiser venue) has been paid.
- Ticket sales for the Spring Fundraiser are ongoing.
- International Week came in under budget by $622.
- Smart Run sponsorships continue to be received; $7,000 raised to date.
- STEM Fair came in right on budget.
- The Musical currently shows a surplus, though additional revenue and expenses are expected over the coming weeks.
- Questions may be directed to Alissa.

Past Events & Fundraisers

STEM Fair

- The STEM Fair was a great success, with an even larger crowd than last year. Thank you to all participants and volunteers.
- Feedback noted it was well-attended and well-executed, but very crowded and warm. Recommendation for next year: expand into the cafeteria or use a larger space.
- Ms. Hervada and Ms. Roth expressed pride and joy in what students created.
- Eastern students were especially engaged, and the cross-school interaction was a highlight.
- The February date change was well-received. The momentum is strong — plan for a large crowd next year.

Ongoing & Upcoming Fundraisers

Spring Fundraiser — TopGolf (April 11)

- Adult-only event at TopGolf on April 11th. Tickets available now at a reduced price of $125 per person.
- Setup volunteers are currently needed. Raffle and auction items have been collected; an online auction will go live before the event.
- Teacher-donated items will be available for bidding online before the event. Ticket price is not expected to increase — the current price will remain the "reduced" rate.
- Online raffles will launch approximately two weeks before the event.
- No one should feel excluded due to cost — please encourage anyone interested to reach out to the PTO email, Sarah Casey, or Dr. Young to ensure everyone can attend.
- A table at the event will highlight the Sensory Garden Fundraising effort. Ms. Malatack is leading the project, with support from 2nd grade parent Grace Herman (a landscape architect) and Beth Yeats from the environmental council.
- Goal: build community. Feedback and ideas are always welcome.

Giving Fridays

- Ongoing and going well. Thank you to all contributors and volunteers. The food pantry is currently in particular need of cereal.

Upcoming Events & Chair Updates

Musical Theatre

- Tickets are now on sale for four shows on March 21st and 22nd. Tickets are $10 each (plus tax) and are selling well.
- The cast will perform a school preview on Thursday, March 19th.
- Three dress rehearsals have been completed, with several more to go. There is no Friday show this year; performances are afternoon and evening on both Saturday and Sunday.
- The PTO is coordinating a retirement tribute for Mrs. Williams. A tribute video link is available — please spread the word, especially to those previously involved in the play.

Fifth Grade Activities

- Activities are currently on hold while focus is on the musical. Coming up: a service project with the Wayne Food Pantry and the district to assemble summer food baskets, followed by the pool party in June and graduation.
- Yearbook photos are currently being collected.

Run Club

- Run Club runs for 6 weeks beginning Thursday, April 9th through May 14th. Registration is still open with approximately 20 spots remaining.
- Volunteer opportunities are available. Mr. Nowak will use PTO- and REF-purchased time-trackers for the club. Tara Huang coordinates the program.

Bingo Night — April 16

- Bingo Night will be held April 16, 2026 at RES. Facilities request has been submitted and supplies have been ordered. Registration will be announced soon — watch for details.

Dining Out

- April: Love & Honey (new fried chicken restaurant in Bryn Mawr)
- May: Christopher's (one of the days off from school)

SMART Run

- The website is live, a flyer has been distributed, and registration is open. A larger push for participation will follow Spring Break.
- Three major sponsors this year (down from five previously). Businesses interested in sponsoring should be encouraged to reach out — two additional $750 sponsorship slots are available ($250 minimum).
- A merchandise vendor (The Wheelhouse) may set up on event day. Volunteers will be needed day-of.

Questions & Comments

- Aaron Kim (aaron.kim@rtsd.org) is the HS faculty advisor for the National Honor Society and can post volunteer needs on their board. NHS students require volunteer hours to graduate — a great resource for event support.

Meeting adjourned.