

Radnor Elementary School PTO
General Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2025 7:00 PM – Library

A. Welcome

B. Principal's Message- Dr. Young thanked all parents in attendance and shared several updates.

a) Information from volunteer survey

- i. Was sent to families as result of working with executives to meet community requests for access and times to come in to RES and create more volunteer opportunities in schools.
 - Not a huge response, but did have valuable feedback
 - Some shared that people would be willing to speak with DR Young directly, which she appreciates.
 - Families appreciate being birthday readers and tradition sharers.
 - Feedback generally that chairing a committee seems overwhelming.
 - Requests for early morning or evening volunteer opportunities
 - Interest in refresher for clearance process, possibly a tutorial. Dr. Young suggested bringing it up in back to school meetings
 - Also mentioned there is an additional Mandated Reporter requirement for Camp Canadensis for fifth grade parents
 - Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Maloney will also mention to teachers to offer instructions to parents through classroom communication for consistency within grades.
 - It is tricky to find a way to incorporate visitors during instructional time, as not to create a disruption for students and teacher. But suggested maybe streaming a morning meeting, or have teachers run through with families.
 - Overall, mostly kind statements from families for PTO and volunteers.
 - Jess asked whether it would be possible to offer training on clearances, or offer opportunity to complete at PTO events.
 - Aaron Olivo suggested having a parent liaison to help, or post video tutorial online

C. Welcome New Assistant Principal- Abby Daniels

- a) Has worked in elementary, middle and high schools.

- b) Has served in a variety of roles: Instructional, tech, math teacher, writing teacher, has served as an executive coach.
- c) She has been very involved in data programming, and has hit the ground running.
- d) Achievement data from previous year is very high, so it is challenging to decide how to do more, so she is committed to the whole child in that
- e) She is working closely with fifth grade team on upcoming transition to middle school.

D. Teacher Liaison- Ms. Grady

- a) Expressed Gratitude for dinners provided by PTO for parent teacher conferences
- b) She and Mrs. Maloney are working on getting the feedback requested for field trip budget numbers. They are on board with the idea of offering help with field trip transportation costs.

E. District Wide Updates – Thanksgiving basket drive was a huge success.

- a) Received 104 baskets (goal was 100),
- b) Collected \$2,807 in grocery gift cards and \$175 non-grocery
- c) Received \$578 from RES alone from Trunk or Treat Wufu.
- d) Raised over \$11,000 via Venmo.
- e) Total cash received was \$15,210

F. Recognition of those who helped

- a) Book Fair: Allison Brayford and Annie Lee for chairing, Laura Gallagher for being there
- b) Bulletin Boards look great thanks for Jordan Byrd and Bulletin Board committee
- c) Thank you to Amy Schwarz and Maria Reilly, our beautification chairs
- d) Thanks to Deanna Galloway for sandwich board

G. Treasurer's Update – Alyssa Naab

- a) We have funded about \$5600 to teachers fund. That's about 80%, so still have a little bit to go.
- b) Doug Nowak submitted a request for Measure Mobility.
 - The requested funds would allow us to purchase a sling reader.
 - The machine works as a lap counter and would use during P.E. classes to track student laps traveled during warm-up.
 - Data gathered would be used to monitor student growth throughout the year, and translate it into miles of movement (30 laps around the gym is roughly a mile
 - We will track how far RES students have traveled in miles, and correlate that to miles across the state.
 - He is asking for \$1,000
 - Tracker could also be used during Smart Run.
 - Will be used by all K to 5 students.

- REF grant was approved for this, but was \$1,000 short of cost of one set, so he is seeking this grant to supplement REF grant.
 - REF did recommend that he sought a secondary source for additional funds.
 - Approved with caveat that it can also be used by Run Club
- c) Sign Up Genius is out for gift cards to support Radnor families in need. Venmo also accepted.

H. Past Events

- a) Book Fair – Allison Brayford
- Book Fair was a great success. We had a lot of volunteer support.
 - Family shopping times were well attended. Donuts with Grownups was very successful.
 - It has been challenging to find a date that doesn't fall in a week with a day off.
 - Allison noted that it might not be worth opening the Book Fair on a day off from school.
 - We were able to purchase \$671.44 worth of books for RES library.
 - We used \$364.43 to purchase books to support RES students.
 - Cash profit for PTO was \$5,400.98. Increase of about \$1,000 over last year.
 - Allison suggested to subcategorize volunteer opportunities in the future based on opportunities to help without having to take time off work, rather than having to come in during work/school hours.
- b) The 1st Annual PTO Cookie Exchange was fun and festive. Would like to do a similar event next year at a time when more people might be able to attend. Would like to encourage attendance at these events, and encourage families to have face time with Dr. Young.

I. Ongoing/Upcoming Fundraisers

- a) Jess brought up idea of having a Holiday Market for students to shop for small gifts for siblings and family members as a way to encourage students to get into the giving spirit
- The idea was well-received, although there was a concern about not having enough man power to run such an event.
 - Dr. Young mentioned the possibility to speak about it with the Transitions students at RHS. These are older children who would be able to help. She suggested reaching out to contact with the program there to determine if this is feasible.
 - Dr. Young suggested putting together a proposal now for an event for next year
- b) Minted Fundraiser – Raised \$425 to date
- c) Bloombox – received \$80
- d) Annual Fund – just reached over \$2,000 on donations.

- Did not do huge push for donations because we are planning on a spring event.
- Planning for April 2026. Will send out a save the date.
- Planning to have Radnor-specific raffles that parents will find value in for students.
- Not soliciting donations from local businesses, since we do that for Smart Run.
We will accept family donations from family businesses, Air BNB vacation home donations, sports tickets and collectibles, etc. Dr. Young suggested putting together a proposal now for an event for next year
- e) Main Point Books fundraiser will be January 31. Stay tuned for details.
- f) Giving Fridays – Personal care items wanted
- g) Dining out
 - Last fundraiser was Carla's Pizza in West Wayne night before Thanksgiving. We received 15% of the daily sales, and we received a check for \$500. Allison suggested maybe offering him our business for spring teacher meals, depending on menu.
 - 1/31 Book Store fundraiser
 - Christopher's is a possibility for lunch, but they are right now spending money to renovate, so might not work out
 - Another option might be Paola's
 - Looking for more recommendations to freshen things up.
 - Suggestion to look into Bryn Mawr as well, question is whether we should go into Lower Merion for other options, and would people be willing to go that far?
 - Allison suggested Empanada for Valentine's order ahead dinner, Jake mentioned he is in talks with Tredici for Valentine's Day.

J. Ongoing Events

- a) Fifth Grade party is tomorrow with almost full participation
- b) Musical Theater
 - In second week of rehearsals
 - This year, there will be no Friday evening performance. There will be Saturday and Sunday matinee and evening performances.

K. New Business

- a) Upcoming Events
 - MLK Day of Service
 - Caitlin Worthman will be meeting with reps from other Radnor schools.
 - Usually collect donations of toiletries.
 - International Week
 - Chairs are coordinating scheduling with Dr. Young and specials teachers.
 - Coordinating Sign Up Genius for volunteers.

- Researching potluck and entertainment options.
- Preparing souvenirs and decorations
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- b) Chairs still needed – Two relatively easier to run committees need chairs. These should be straightforward, and many PTO members are available to help. Co-chairing to split responsibility is also encouraged.
 - Outdoor Game Night
 - Bingo

L. Questions/Comments

M. Adjourn 8:06pm