

**RRMS PTA Executive Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. RRMS**

Attendance: Marian Meyer, Monika Nuss, Maureen McKenna, Dawn Delaney, Diane Beer, Megan Rose, Margie Hackett, Mary Amsdell, Katherine Solecki,Amy Eberlein, Dana Soroczak, Annmarie Slyman, Melissa Derrick

Meeting called to order by Marian Meyer: 9:05 a.m.

Welcome: President Marian Meyer thanked everyone for coming and volunteering this year!

The PTA Calendar and General Board Information were distributed, and introductions made.

**Principal Report: Megan Rose**

**September/October Updates**

1. Picture Day/ Lockdown Drill with RRPD / Bus evacuation drills all have been completed

2. Successful Student Council Kickoff Event last Friday on field with River Dog Food truck

3. AIMS Web Benchmarking all students/grades this week

4. Next week through ELA classes District Writing sample will be given to all students during class

5. Upcoming elections for student council representatives in 6th and 7th grade – Mr. O’Grady advisor

6. Sept 21st - 8th Grade Meeting with Discovery Tours for DC trip 7:00pm this is the only meeting about the DC trip all year

7. Magazine Fundraiser – Sept 15- Sept 27th Funds are used for DC trip.

8. September 22nd – Father walk your children to school day. Student Council will have coffee/donuts set up out front for the dads/grandpas, etc.

9. October 6th – Lolley the Trolley 8th grade

10. October 7th – PSAT 8/9 given to 8th grade

11. October 12/13th – 7th grade trip to Stone Lab

12. PD for staff – Kristen Race (RRCS in October) & Jack Berckemeyer (RRMS in September)

* Kristen Race October 11th 7:00pm for community members

13. Grade book – access should be all set for students and parents. Contact Missi Valenti with questions or code needs.

14. The student report cards are moving to online through Grade Book. They will no longer be printed or mailed. Parents needs to make sure they have an account set up. Students should have own account set up also.

15. Gallup Poll-gathering input from students in four areas. Names and student data are not collected. Helps staff gather data from students in a variety of areas. (Late Sept. / early October)

16. Student Council hosting a 6th Grade Halloween Dance Oct. 26 after school

**November Updates**

1. Challenge Days November 7th/ 8th will be held at board offices on Morewood Pkwy. Volunteers needed if interested.

2. Parent Teacher Conferences November 10th – Sign Up Genius will be used to book online. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

**Communication**

1. Newsletters

2. Channel 10 announcements posted online daily

3. Webpage calendar – now linked with google calendar. Should be really helpful to families.

4. Twitter – will try to use Twitter more this year

**President: Marian Meyer**

1. Thank you to Maureen McKenna, Dana Soroczyk and Annmarie Slymann for volunteering with gym uniform distribution.

2. Please remember everyone needs to join the PTA if you have not already done so. The link for sign up can be found on the webpage.

3. We still need a chair person for Maroon and White Night (March 24, 2017).

4. We are still finalizing dates for 6th Grade Social Dance (Feb 2017). The 7th Grade Manners Dinner will be held on Nov. 3, 2016.

5. Grant Requests  
 #59 Approved, $358.50 for Weighty Word Project books [Stacey Colbert]

6. Magazine Sales

a. Friday Sept. 30 volunteers needed for prize distribution/prize wheel during lunch hours. Contact Taryn Cottell if we are available to help with this.

b. Oct. 20 Volunteers needed for Dave & Buster’s grand prize lunch/limo outing.

7. Upcoming November Events

a. Teacher Snacks for Conferences: Mary Amsdell, AmyEberlein

b. 7th Grade Manners Dinner: Janine Orlando Giacomarro

**Vice President: Monika Nuss**

No report

**Treasurer: Katherine Solecki**

1. The Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 was presented, discussed, questions addressed.
2. Vote to Approve Budget 2016-2017
   1. A motion to approve was made by Melissa Derrick
   2. 2nd Amy Eberlein
   3. Budget approved

**Recording Secretary: Melissa Derrick**

No report

**Corresponding Secretary: Maureen McKenna**

No report

**Council Delegates: Mary Amsdell, Amy Eberlein, Sarah Lang, Annmarie Slyman**

1. Kensington Intermediate School
   1. Popsicle day
   2. Camp Fitch
   3. Gordon Korman is coming
2. Dr. Shoaf, Superintendent
   1. Construction update
   2. Considering moving preschool back to Beachwood next school year
3. Dr. Anderson
   1. Implementing the program “Clever” to allow easier log-in for teachers and students.
   2. School Report Card comes out tomorrow
      1. C – meets standards
      2. A, B – exceeds standards
4. Boosters
   1. Update given
   2. Spiritwear – all new!
   3. New Pirate Pass for grade 5 and under
5. Homecoming Update – October 7
   1. Food Trucks
      1. Recommend doing presale online sales to avoid waiting in line
      2. Tickets needed for Food Trucks – no cash accepted – will call table for presale tickets.
   2. Each PTA unit is asked to put together a raffle basket
      1. “Money Ball” – basketball or football wrapped in 25-50 $1.00 bills
      2. Monika Nuss will take care of purchase
6. Early Childhood PTA
   1. Events are planned. They shared party dates for fall.
7. RRHS is hosting Kristen Race, author of Mindful Parenting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11
8. RR Assistance Program
   1. Now located at Adult Services Center (across from St. Christopher)
   2. Sept. 20, Oct. 18 “Pack and Sort” dates. 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 9:00 in the Teacher’s Room at RRMS

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Derrick, Recording Secretary