

PTA Board Meeting

Minutes



Date, Time, and Location: 10/15/23 @ 8:00 p.m., Zoom Call

Board Members:

Melissa Herron(P), Elizabeth Segel (P), Jessica Green (P), Colleen Burgin (P), Alex Steffen (P), Sarah Gierow (A), Becca Oshsner (A), April Allen (A), Mary Kealey(A), Josie Jones (A), Lisa Harrell (A), Jessie Becker (A), Beth Alber (P), P= Present A=Absent

Others in attendance:

None

Meeting called to order by President, Melissa Herron at 8:00 p.m.

- President Report - Melissa - Discussed drive where all PTA docs posted. December 10th Board Meeting will be at Elizabeth Segel's. February 25th's at Alex Steffen's. April 21st TBD. Looking for speaker ideas for General Meetings. Would like to have them scheduled 2-weeks prior to meeting dates. Discussed potentially having an IEP/ALP speaker Contact Melissa with ideas. Determining best way to provide Holiday Shop Vouchers for school families needing help. Considering putting a flyer in Friday Folders as no longer have access to family information. Elizabeth will speak with April to determine how to pay for vouchers and if a vote is necessary.
- VP Report - Colleen - Halloween parties on track. Sign-up-genius is full of party volunteers. Information seems to be reaching families from Room Parents.
 - Vote to approve minutes from 9/19/23 - Colleen moved to approve the minutes and Elizabeth seconded; minutes approved.
- SAC Report - Melissa - SAC meeting covered data drive including literacy and math scores. Literacy is up due to the Read Act which required additional teacher training and focus district has put on it for the last 3 years. Math growth, however, is down across the district. Illustrative math is being piloted, but we are not a pilot school. Will have some teacher training this year and will be in full curriculum next year.
- Treasurer Report - Elizabeth - Cleaning up September books. 2 CDs were renewed and will be opening a third so 1 every month. Have earned \$1500 in interest since February when accounts were opened.
- Fundraising Report - Melissa - Discussed 5th grade Raccoon Run fundraising issue of a family that donated the entire Washington trip cost and their son won first prize in the contest. Melissa and April awarded him all the top prizes to him and gave the money back to the family. Discussed ideas for avoiding this issue in the future. Possibly splitting monies raised evenly between all 5th grade students that participate in fund raising for that event. Melissa and Beth to work on letter for next year's event.
- Membership/Spirit Wear - Jessica - Dues were paid on October 1st. Numbers are up from this same time last year. Now offering spirit wear item with two different logos, the Red Rocks motif and the diamond design used on the school website. Each family chooses item and design they want. Expect

items to be up and running in 2-4 weeks in time for holiday orders.

- Student Enhancement - Melissa - Chloe, Lisa, and Kelley in the office will be taking over the Smore newsletter instead of Mary. Tuesday 9pm will be the cutoff to get items into Friday's letter. Melissa will confirm that Mary is handling the school calendar. It was also determined that teachers will continue to handle birthday invitations as they determine what will be best. No school wide mandate will be put in place.
- Community Outreach Report - Melissa - Pumpkin carving will have 3 categories so kids can pick their theme. Becca will be updating the bulletin board near the cafeteria once everything is chosen. Discussed Spirit Rock idea. A sign-up-genius would be created, and families could pay to reserve a date to paint the rock to honor a birthday, graduation, teacher, etc. Beth will begin researching the cost of a rock.
- Staff Appreciation - Melissa - Teacher appreciation during conference week went well. Crumble cookies was a hit. Food and leftovers were all eaten and appreciated. Colleen will pass information on to Taryn, Josie, and Sarah.
- Communications - Alex - Texting is working great! Families are excited about posting and seeing pictures. Teachers are using the funds. Discussed promoting how PTA Funds are being used so families can see where the money is going and how it's benefiting their students and the school.
- Surplus Funds - Melissa - 2018 Bond Money meant for playground went to drainage and groundwork issues instead of equipment. Would like to complete this project for the school. Melissa and Jim had a brief meeting with Mr. I. They are forming a small committee that Jim will chair and take project lead on. Aiming for 1 year with 3 possible tier levels. The lowest would include updating the basketball courts. Lowering some hoops for the younger grades and incorporating some interactive groundwork. The second tier would include more swings, possibly big ones and adding some equipment in the open space. Third tier ideas are still being discussed and would be dependent on funds raised. Colleen will look into grants from external sources as well as possible corporate sponsors. Discussed possible use of \$10,000 may still owe from prior work completed, which still has not been billed or requested.

Next PTA General Meeting: 11/14/23 @ 2:45 pm at RR School Library

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes compiled by Beth Alber, Secretary.