



RMS PTO Minutes, Budget and Principals Report September 2018

RMS PTO MEETING

9/11/2018

9:30 am

Attendees: Michael Bernardi, Joshua Smith, Emily Gervasio, Laura Legg, Julie Cappuzzo, Rachel Drago, Jen Good, Johanna Falsetta, Mary Mahakian, Marion Manzo, Kim McNeill, Sue Dolan, Kasey Schneider, Maureen Nee, Tara Beall-Gomes, Nakia Armstrong, Jessica Bisceglia, Angela Holland, Barbara Granton, Christine Koobatian and Shanna Hampton

Welcome: PTO President Laura Legg thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and taking the time to be there for the first meeting of the school year. Laura mentioned the next PTO meeting would be held 10/2 at 9:30 am at

RMS - if any parent was interested in scheduling an evening PTO meeting to please contact her.

Teacher Rep's Report: Mary Mahakian thanked the PTO families for a wonderful Staff Back to School Luncheon and raffle that was held on June 23rd. She thanked PTO for newspaper subscription as well. She also explained that students and staff have transitioned well despite the heat wave and early dismissals!

Principal's Report:

- Opening of the School Year

Welcome back from a very quick summer! Seems like summer was only 4 weeks long! A school is never a school without the sounds of children in the building

Very smooth opening – despite the weather related interrupted heat days.

Students have been wonderful! Positive tone in the building

First day provided the opportunity for Mrs. Gervasio and I to meet with each of the grade levels. Empower students to be a part of our learning community

Appreciate parent support with our new LobbyGuard procedures and protocols.

Student and staff safety is our top priority.

Will be sending out periodic newsletters in addition to School Messenger eblasts to keep parents informed regarding school wide topics of interest.

- Summer Staffing/New Hires

Mr. Joe Perreault – 6th Grade ELA and Advanced Math for Team Emerald
Mrs. Vanessa Ort – 7th Grade Special Education
Mrs. Ashley Dunne – 6th Grade Orchestra

- Current Enrollment: (just shy of 60 student decrease from last year)

6th Grade: 133 students

7th Grade: 150 students

8th Grade: 146 students

TOTAL 429 students (14 new students to RMS registered over the summer)

Although smaller, we have been able to preserve the hallmarks of the teaming structure and grouping students with the same core group of staff members. Allows teachers to know students well and plan instructional experiences to support their strengths and areas for growth.

- Instructional Focus atRMS

Student Centered Instruction – Students OWNING the learning

Focus on Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Global Citizenship, Character Ensuring that ALL students have a positive/supportive relationship with at least one adult in building. Emphasis on Character and Importance of Diversity

- Upcoming OpenHouse:

6th Grade: Thursday, September 13th TEAM FOCUS 7th and 8th Grade:

Thursday, September 20th

- Review of student performance on SBAC

Math and ELA performance above State Averages - consistent with performance from District Ref Group Results will be mailed to families in the coming weeks

- Enrichment and Leadership Opportunities for Students
- Homework Club begins today!

Looking to expand enrichment opportunities for students within the school day and after school Seeking to leverage the expertise of our teaching staff and parent community to offer enrichment opportunities to promote STEM, recreational, and academic extension activities.

Parent partnerships- looking for opportunities to connect students to career pathways If parents have a particular idea- please let us know!

- Upcoming Initiatives for 2018-2019 that will be explored with staff and community

Student Leadership – Building off of our trained peer leaders from last year

Ongoing Character Development part of Safe School Climate Initiatives

Possible Parent workshops (21st Century Learning, Understanding the Middle School Child)

Vice Principal's Report: Emily Gervasio reported that teachers are getting reacclimated and settling into a routine. She reported on the school Climate Committee and explained that RMS is looking for a new parent representative to volunteer for that position. Committee focuses on ways to promote positive

character traits. Monthly meetings that last approximately 30 minutes have been scheduled. Contact her if interested.

Superintendent Comments: Joshua Smith thanked the PTO for inviting him to meeting and he informed everyone that he would continue to support the partnership between himself and the PTO. He plans to attend monthly district PTO meetings. (PTO advisory)

Secretary Report: none at this time

Treasurer's report: See below

Committee Reports:

Direct Donation Drive: 27 families have donated \$2488 - 2018-19 goal is \$7,000. This is the biggest fundraiser the PTO runs. Reminders will be sent again. Remind families that PTO is a 501C3 and donations are tax deductible.

Coupon Books: We will be offering again this year. Need someone to take over as Christine Koobatian is chair and this is her last year at RMS. Contact Christine Koobatian if interested in helping this year or chairing this committee next year. She needs assistance packaging and distributing the books in the next few weeks.

Box Tops for Education: No update at this time. More info to come.

Quassy Night: Saturday, Sept 15 at 5:30 pm. Can buy tickets for \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

Hospitality: Reported that the Back to School Luncheon went very smoothly and planning for an upcoming “Fall Treats for Staff” and “Grab and Go” snacks for conferences. Sign up geniuses will go out for both.

Clothing Drive: Sept 28-29 in the gym. Sign up genius will go out for volunteers.

Back to School Bash: Has been cancelled for this year. Will resume next year. Both the original date and rain date were emergency early dismissals and the event needed to be cancelled. Mr. Bernardi mentioned he would have Student Government look into possibility of scheduling the first 6th Grade Social early in order to get the ‘social’ piece set up for the students.

Upcoming Key Dates:

9/18 Picture Day

9/19 School not in session

9/20 RMS Open House 7th and 8th grades 7 pm

9/28-9/29 Clothing Drive

10/2-RMS PTO meeting 9:30am

RMS PTO	July 2018-June 2019	
Financials		
Beginning Balance 7/1/2018		26,054.15
ION Bank		1864.38

WF Checking	\$9,188.52
WF Money	
Market	\$15,001.25

2018-2019
Budget

Income:

Book Fairs	\$500.00
BoxTops	\$750.00
Clothing Drive	\$3,000.00
Direct Donations	\$6,000.00
Coupon books	\$1,200.00
Lifetouch - pictures	\$1,200.00
March Madness-	\$750.00
Plant Sale	\$450.00
Spiritwear/Pick Up Pads/socks	\$0.00
Target Rebates/NSB/Amazon Smile	\$0.00
Stop & Shop A+ Rewards	\$2,000.00
Quassy	
Photography Club	
Total Income	\$15,850.00

Expenses:

8th Grade Celebration	(\$1,600.00)
8th Grade Commencement Awards	(\$225.00)
Assignment Pads	(\$2,100.00)
Author/Illustrator	(\$2,400.00)
Back to School Bash	(\$1,000.00)
Cultural Enrichment	(\$3,000.00)
Gifts (Christmas & EOY)	(\$700.00)
Grants	(\$10,000.00)
Hospitality / Teacher Appreciation	(\$1,750.00)

Memorial/Gifts (i.e. flowers, etc.)	(\$100.00)
PTO Regional Dinner	(\$150.00)
PTO Supplies/Postage/Misc.	(\$200.00)
School Beautification/MB wishlist	(\$6,604.34)
Website	(\$400.00)
Donations:	
PTO Advisory	(\$200.00)
Grad Nite	(\$250.00)
Assistance & Misc	\$0.00
Bank Charges	(\$50.00)
Insurance	(\$600.00)
Accountant / Audit Fees / Taxes	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	(\$31,379.34)
Other Income (Interest)	
Net Income(Expenses) Current year	(\$15,529.34)

Ending Balance

Checking Account
ION Bank
Money Market Account
Total Account balance

Outstanding Checks
Available Funds

Robotics
Photography Club