



RMS PTO Minutes, Budget and Principals Report November 2018

RMS PTO MEETING

11/13/2018

7:00 pm

Attendees: Michael Bernardi, Emily Gervasio, Laura Legg, Shanna Hampton, Julie Cappuzzo, Mary Mahakian, Jen Nikolich, Jessica Bisceglia, Alison Sokol, Gina Farra, Linda Hocking, Kristin O'Kesson

Welcome: PTO President Laura Legg thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and taking the time to be there. A number of parents attending their first meeting were able to attend as this was the first evening meeting scheduled this school year. Laura mentioned the PTO would schedule another evening meeting this spring. Date TBD.

Teacher Rep's Report: Mary Mahakian thanked the RMS families for the fall treats for staff and the grab and go snacks provided during conference days.

Principal's Report:

1. Scholastic Book Fair

- Thank you to Jeanne-Marie Hudson and her team of volunteers for coordinating a very successful book fair
- Great to support the importance of literacy for our students and providing opportunities for students to access new titles
- Thank you to parents who purchased items off of teacher wish lists

2. Conferences:

- Very Positive Feedback (November 5th and 8th)
- Opportunities for our teams of teachers to meet with parents of students and provide feedback regarding student progress
- Team structure provides a more balanced perspective of student performance to focus on common strengths and continued areas for growth
- Reminder that parents can request a team conference throughout the school year. Please contact team teachers to coordinate.

3. Positive Veterans Day Activities atRMS

- Treats for Troops: Thank you for Julie Cappuzzo for coordinating. 2 (55 gallon drums) of candy donated. Thank you to parents and students parting with their excess candy
- Morning assembly program for 6th and 7th grade students (8-9 different Veterans- some with ties to RMS) shared their experiences. Why they served? What service and sacrifice taught them Afternoon program for 8th

grade students. Approximately 15 Veterans in attendance to share personal stories, share artifacts, and discuss the importance of service

- Patriot's Pen Assembly program will be held on 11/21 to recognize student nominees for honor. (Why I honor the American Flag). Students now eligible to participate in VFW district competition.

4. DC Collection was today. Planning for May 15th-17th trip for our 8th Graders

5. Reminders about StudentWalkers

- It is important that parents provide walking notes in advance for students
- We meet with students prior to dismissing them to remind them to be safe and remain in small groups. Reminders regarding respectful behavior in town and being good stewards in the community.
- Periodically, I receive feedback from local businesses regarding the behavior of our students This is a privilege extended by families and not an activity that is endorsed by the school.

6. Important Dates- Upcoming Events

- Early Release PD Day for Teachers Friday, December 7th
- Mid-Point of Quarter 2 is December 10th
- 7th and 8th Grade Winter Concert (scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th)
- 6th Grade and Small Ensemble Concert (scheduled for Wednesday January 16th)

Vice Principal's Report: Emily Gervasio reported that the school Climate Committee distributed over 50 scholastic gift certificates to students and staff members entered into the promoting kindness raffle held earlier this fall. Committee would like to

continue these efforts throughout the school year and the Climate Committee has future activities planned.

Secretary's Report: none at this time

Treasurer's report: See below and click on blue button for financials. Questions? Please contact Jen Nikolich at jjnikolich@aol.com

Committee Reports:

Teacher Grants: Teacher grant process will be starting soon. Staff will complete request forms and discernment process will begin to ensure funds are spread. Grants are funded with the intent to benefit the largest number of students possible. THE teacher grants are funded directly through direct donations.

Direct Donation Dive: Donations at \$5277 with a goal of \$6000. More reminders will be sent out and noted that no donation is too small. Exploring the possibility of adding an additional fund raiser this spring.

Coupon Books: Coupon Books fundraiser was a great success this year. To date, over 80 books were sold bringing in over \$1,000 in profit. There are some books that haven't been returned, so families are asked to kindly return the outstanding books or the \$25.00 payment made to RMS PTO to homeroom teacher.

Box Tops for Education: The fall contest had 46 student and staff submit box tops. 3 students and one teacher won gift cards. Next contest will begin in January 2019. Thank you for participating and keep clipping the box tops!

Treats for Troops: RMS partnered with Soldiers Angels, a non profit group supporting the military community. The candy drive was a great success with an

estimated 300 pounds of candy donated during the two days following Halloween. PTO and RMS plans to continue this successful candy drive in future years.

Hospitality: Upcoming cookie exchange in mid December. Sign up genius will go out early December for this staff favorite annual event.

Book Fair: Jeanne-Marie Hudson reported that the Scholastic Book fair had best selection of current titles in several years. Sales posted a \$550 profit along with \$525 in Scholastic Dollars.

Clothing Drive: Many thanks to all of the families who donated clothing and volunteered to help. Was a great turnout again this year. RMS collected 8,343 pounds of clothing and earned \$1,672.

Upcoming Dates:

12/4 RMS PTO meeting 9:30 am at RMS

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