

Randolph PTO Meeting
March 9, 2023

6:05 call to order by Linda

Elizabeth motions to approve minutes from both months. All approved, none declined

Treasurer's Report: Heidi
(see Treasurer's Report)

Expenses: several places over budget, but no worries because we are way under in several other categories. We can also tweak upcoming end-of-year expenses.

Q: We've spent \$1500 over in Instructional Support – what's that from?

Heidi: That's the grade level t-shirts that the administrators requested at the beginning of the year.

Dr Woods: I'm sending a Connect Ed tonight about tomorrow being the last chance to purchase those shirts.

We are also selling 6th grade shirts at Raider Rally.

Dr Woods' Principal's Report:

Raider Rally will be in person, and we're so excited. We'll walk the incoming 6th graders and families through the registration process, and then they will take a self-guided tour through the school

Spring sports kicking off – more info coming from AD.

6th grade families will pilot an anti-suicide program. Suicide is the #2 cause of death for students in middle & high school (after accidents).

- It's part of the health curriculum (Essential Standards of Health)
- It will include strategies to care for and respect others
- Mental health & healthy behavior
- Help-seeking strategies for mental health disorders
- It will be taught by 6th grade teachers
- Info will be sent home through counselors

CMS student survey coming out soon.

Panorama survey (Social-Emotional Survey) coming out – families can opt out. It's given every fall & spring.

Youth risk & behavior survey will be given to random students.

Coffee with the Principal coming in April.

We are still fully staffed, but we are looking for Horizons Social Studies teacher

Recent Successes:

Allie: Disney trip was great, but we learned a lot of ways to improve it in the future. Mostly communication to parent chaperones, and what that job means.

- Need a 3rd matching shirt for the third day
- PTO needs to provide a parent liaison for each grade's overnight trip. Helps with communication and facilitating everything. New roles coming in the future!
- Everything will start sooner in the future, so we'll be in better shape.
- PTO should provide a bag of necessities for each chaperone (band aids, sanitary pads, Neosporin, etc)
- Should 7th grade trip be DC next year? Many families support that.
- The week before President's Day is ideal, because then there's a 3-day weekend to recover afterwards.
- OSP fees very high (\$50 per child/chaperone)

Dr Woods: We should have a parent interest meeting for the Disney trip at the end of 7th grade, so parents are aware before 8th grade even starts.

Volunteer opportunities: Monique

- Front Office help needed Mon and Thurs from 10-12 or 12-2
- Staff Appreciation needs coming up
- Honor Roll celebrations coming up after spring break, but signup coming out soon
- If any other committees need volunteers, reach out to Monique

General Business

Grade level t-shirts

- Connected message going out tonight about last chance for sales tomorrow
- Spirit Wear store opening March 20-April 3
- Courtney will have more items in stock at Raider Rally

Nurse Supply Requests: only water bottles

Raider Rally

- Scheduled for March 28th in person, with zoom option on March 30.
- All rising 6th grade registrations must be in by April 3
- Ms Clawson will need help with envelopes, etc.

For current students: counselors will go into the classrooms to share info about registration. Students start the process, but parents will have time to look at their selections in PowerSchool before it's final.

Registration for high school: we're working with the main high schools that we feed into. They're coming in to RMS to talk to students about high school registration. It's mentioned in the 8th grade newsletter.

Nominations: Carrie Topham

- We are reaching out to all current PTO people, to find out if they're staying in their role, and if not, do they have a replacement in mind
- Feedback is needed about your role! How many hours it requires, whether you need to be on campus or not, whether you work alone or with other people, etc.
- Keep other people in mind that you know will be joining RMS next year. Particularly people of color, people from elementary schools other than BCE, men/dads, etc.

New Business:

- Mr Robinson: 9-12 on Saturday, April 1 is the next proposed beautification day at RMS. Carrie Topham can help enlist the men from F3 to assist. It counts as Service for Action hours, but parents can't just drop their kids off – kids have to be supervised.
- Detour Coffee will be here for a Staff Appreciation event on March 21. There will be a pre-order sheet for staff to fill out next week. Monique will create a signup genius for coffee deliveries that day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.