Rohrerstown Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025 6:30pm (RES Library)

Attendance:

Principal, Kathy Swantner & Teacher Representative, Amy Skundrich Allison Bacharach, Jennifer Yurchak, Kelly Miller, Jessica Cooley, Aileen Khuu, Richard Khuu, Julie Hasircoglu

President's Report: Allison Bacharach

Scholastic Book Fair Funds - PTO chose the option of collecting Scholastic Bucks instead of the cash option, resulting in a much higher earnings amount. The PTO board members will connect with school librarian, Laura Heverling, to brainstorm some ideas to create a reading nook for all of the students to enjoy.

FMX Update - Allison has confirmed that she now has access to the system and will begin entering the PTO functions.

PTO Roller Skating Party - Great turnout! Students and families enjoyed their time. PTO would like to explore other options for next year. Gathering info from Overlook.

Treasurer In Training - Jessica Cooley was nominated by Kelly Miller for the Treasurer In Training position and the nomination was seconded by Jennifer Yurchak. With no opposition, Jessica Cooley was voted into the position. Jessica will work closely with Laura Bender to learn the position as it is Laura's last year. Welcome Jessica!

Secretary's Report: Kelly Miller

Kelly reported that the minutes from the 11/11/24 meeting were approved and published on the PTO page of the RES website. Minutes were also posted to the RESPTO Facebook Page.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Bender

Laura was not present at the meeting, but did provide a printed report for Allison to review with the group. You can view the report <u>HERE</u>.

Principal's Report: Dr. Kathy Swantner

Staff Updates: We would like to welcome Lisa Leddy to the RES front office. Lisa is joining Theresa Yurista. Carrie Wilson, counselor, will be out for the remainder of the year continuing her education. Matthew Merrell-Thomas will be filling in for the remainder of the year.

Recent Assembly - Ethan Lin, a former RES student, visited the school providing a great example of perseverance as he explained how overcoming challenges from his childhood years has helped him achieve great success as a professional gamer, who is also studying to become a lawyer.

Spirit Week - There will be a spirit week in February. Communication was sent home earlier in the year that included the information for all of the spirit days for the year. Reminders will be sent out soon.

Title I - Students in the Title I program have received information about an upcoming Library Night at the Mountville Library.

6th Grade Biz Town - Due to inclement weather, the 6th grade Biz Town visit had to be postponed. The activity has been rescheduled for May 1st.

Teacher Appreciation Week - Dr. Swantner just wanted to remind everyone that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9. PTO typically provides a luncheon for the teachers.

Teacher's Report: Amy Skundrich

Mrs. Skundrich shared that the monthly treats are super cute and very appreciated!

Follow up from last meeting:

Volunteer Signup - A Google Form was sent out via email and posted to the RESPTO Facebook Page looking for volunteers for some of the upcoming fundraisers and open board positions. There were only a few responses and the PTO thanks each of those volunteers for their willingness to help.

6th Grade Tshirts - We are still inquiring with a few vendors and should have a final decision soon.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

VIP Dance - Jennifer Yurchak is the chairperson for this fundraiser. She met with a handful of committee members and a wonderful evening has been planned. The theme will be Winter Wonderland and the dance will be held on Friday, February 28th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Food concessions will be available. More details to be sent home with students soon!

Spring Sub Sub Sale - We will be participating with Main Street Deli / Boas Fundraising this year. The sale will take place mid-late March with options of selling subs and/or selling certificates for subs. Kelly Miller is checking with the vendor to finalize a date and will provide more info soon.

Fun Run - There is a lot of interest in trying to put together a Fun Run for RES. Fall '25 might be a good target time for this. PTO is looking for a chairperson to lead. Please reach out if you're interested.

Fun Fest - Allison Bacharach will be the chairperson. Fun Fest will be held on Friday, May 9th from 3:30 - 7:30. Kelly Miller will chair the Basket Raffle to be held during Fun Fest. The planning has already begun! Save the date!

New Ideas:

Penny Wars - This was done previously at RES and it sounds like a great idea to bring it back! Stay tuned for more info!

Family Fun Night Stations - It was suggested to think about having stations of activities during Family Fun Night for students and their families to participate in. Possibly in place of a paid performance.

Next PTO Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th 6:30pm in the RES Library We hope to see you there!