



PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: December 6, 2017

Attendees: Assistant Principal Mr. Walker, School Nurse Richelle Horst, Zoe Doyle, Patricia Phillips, Denise Hunter, Gina Cook

Meeting called to order by PTO President Zoe Doyle

1. Treasurers report

Denise Hunter gave a verbal Treasurers report.
Balance as of 12/6/2017 \$9100.00

2. Typing Program

Ms. Carter's request for funding for the typing program has been withdrawn. After discovering the \$40 charge for an ad free application was a per student fee Ms. Carter elected to use the free version.

3. Nurse's Expense Request

It was recently brought to our attention by Ms Pam Davis and Dr Green that our school nurse, Richelle Horst, has been purchasing supplies for our kids from her own pocket. These include band aids, peppermints, pads, etc. Dr. Green had initially requested we contact other schools to see who provided these things for their school. Upon speaking with them, they said their PTO furnished personal supplies for the kids. Ms. Horst was in attendance to further explain the need for items, especially pads/ sanitary napkins and hard peppermint candy for sore throats and stomach upset. It was decided Zoe Doyle and Patricia Phillips will go to Sam's to pick up bulk quantities of these items with PTO funds. We will revisit the need for restocking periodically.

4. Tarp Request

An informal grant request for a gym tarp has been submitted, and we are waiting to hear back regarding the status.

5. Substitute Funding Request for "Responsibility Centered Disciple" Seminar

Dr Green has registered 3 school staff members to attend the above named one day seminar. She feels it will provide much needed tools to address disciplinary issues within our school. She has paid registration fees out of school funds, but is requesting substitute teacher pay from PTO funds. The county school board denied her request for this sub pay as a non-covered

service. The amount needed will be approximately \$300. (Maximum rate \$100/day for 3 subs). PTO unanimously agreed to fund substitutes.

6. Ron Clark Academy Funding Proposal

Ron Clark Academy is a highly acclaimed non-profit model school in Atlanta, GA that conducts innovative educational seminars for teachers and administrators. It's been an aspiration for both RSMS faculty and staff and PTO to facilitate training for our school. The PTO has raised enough funding to send a combination of 10 educators and administrators at \$450 per attendee. PTO agreed to cover seminar registration for these 10 at \$4500.00. Dr. Green and Mr. Walker will choose a panel of educators who will be most likely to absorb material, bring back ideas and enthusiastically share new concepts with the remainder of the faculty. The teachers chosen will be asked to cover their own travel expenses, including transportation, meals and lodging. Dr. Green will submit a request to Dr. Phillips at the SCBOE for substitute teacher funding for these days. She anticipates approval for this funding.

7. Fundraising

a. Penny War to begin when students return after winter break. Turn in dates will be each of the 4 Fridays in January. Zoe will obtain collection buckets to distribute to each home room. Incentives will be offered for top collections in each home room and/or grade level. Examples will include donuts or some other classroom treat. Mr. Walker proposes that teachers also be offered personal incentives to fuel competition that will increase participation. He offered to allow extra planning time and gift cards that he already has available. As many volunteers and PTO officers as possible will be present on these Friday turn ins to help organize, count and transport money to the bank, escorted by law enforcement.

b. Lollipop Sales will continue as volunteers are able to come to the school. Patricia Phillips graciously donated the current stock of lollipops, so all money collected is straight profit.

c. Winter Dance dates were discussed. It was decided a Valentine's Day themed event would likely be of interest to the students. This will be held either Friday, February 9 or Friday, February 16. Dr. Green would like this Dance to be held immediately after school (3:00-5:00pm) to increase attendance. She would like to try it in the gymnasium with concessions sold at tables in the cafeteria. We will revisit Dance details at next meeting, as we have many interesting fundraising ideas including Photo Booth, hot chocolate bar, etc.

9. Other Business

T-shirt design contest project further discussed. After much deliberation of costs involved and sales needed to make a profit, we decided the t-shirts would most likely be marketable to our students if the design was simple, with our trademark Ram head on the front and #Ramride across the back. The winners for the best designs will be recognized for their creative efforts that inspired our t-shirts and given free t-shirts. Patricia will contact our printer at Arena Imprints to get the design altered. Order forms will then be created and distributed by the school.

Meeting adjourned. Next PTO meeting January 10 at 8:00am.

