

RVES PTA
March Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024 7pm via Zoom
Attendance: 32

- Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
 - Mimi welcomed and asked that people introduce themselves and include their child's name and grade level
 - Maria Romero, RVES's Parent Community Coordinator, provided Spanish translation for the entire call.
 - Permanent principal announcement coming from the Board of Education on March 9th.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from December & February
 - Aime dropped December 2023 and February 2024 minutes in the chat.
 - Minutes are captured in English only. We will work to provide translated minutes in the future.
 - December 2023 Minutes: Betsy Lavender made a motion to accept; Antonio Sandoval seconded. Motion passed.
 - February 2024 Minutes: Antonio Sandoval made a motion to accept; Betsy Lavender seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report - AJ Mora (he provided the Treasurer's Report in both English and Spanish)
 - Money that has come in and money that came out.
 - Income: \$10 Spirit Wear.
 - Expenditures: Grade Level Priorities-\$975; Patrols' Field Trip-\$382.50; Teacher Appreciation-\$120.20 (total-\$1,467.70)
 - Opening Balance: \$28,304.22.
 - Balance on Hand: \$26,836.52
- Grade-level Funding Priorities
 - 2nd Grade used their funds to replace area rugs in the classrooms
 - 3rd Grade used funds for Imagination Stage performance
 - 4th Grade - TBD
 - 5th Grade - TBD, but likely use as part of the 5th grade promotion activities
 - Kindergarten - TBD
 - 1st Grade - per Eshe has an idea but not yet finalized
 - Mimi asked for parents with children in Kindergarten and 4th grade to reach out to their teachers and encourage them to decide on how to best use the grade-level priorities funding.
 - Mimi asked for questions. Someone asked what the funding for grade-level priorities was and Mimi explained that this was the PTA Board's way to more equitably distribute PTA funds across all grades, so that all students at RVES benefit from the PTA budget.
- Supports for our School Community
 - Health Room.

- Need for bottoms (pants, shorts, socks, and underwear), especially in sizes for students in Pre-K to 2nd grade. It is an on-going need. Please consider making a donation.
 - Aime's church is working to partner with RVES and make a donation to the Health Room, but additional donations are much appreciated.
- Upcoming Events (March/ April):
 - Variety Show (March 15th at 7PM) - Newport Mills Middle School. Big lift and many faculty and staff volunteer to make this a great event. Over 90 students are performing in the show. Ms. Taupenot is the lead for this event.
 - Book Fair (March 15th-22nd) - Lisa Heiser-Polin introduced herself. Middle schoolers and high schoolers can get SSL hours for helping to set up and pack up the book fair. Preview breakfast for the teachers is on Monday the 18th. Need volunteers to pick-up breakfast items for teachers. Students will come and preview and create wish lists. Wednesday, March 20th will be family night. Scholastic uses eWallet to load money for students. If you have money in the eWallet from prior book fairs, those funds can be used. Will create a school eWallet for people to donate school-wide. Hoping to use Scholastic bucks from last year so that all children are able to get one book from the Book Fair. Lisa is creating a Sign-Up Genius (need 3 or 4 adults per day) to help kids find books, ring-up sales, etc. Set-up is Friday (15th) - same afternoon of the Variety Show. Contact Lisa Heiser-Polin.
 - RVES Family Ice Skating (March 19th) Wheaton Regional Ice Skating Rink. RVES rented out the entire rink - coordinated by the Family Engagement Teacher Committee. Skate rentals are \$4. If anyone needs help covering skate rentals, contact Ms. Van Dyken.
 - Restaurant Night Fundraiser (March 20th) - Five Guys. Let restaurant know you are there to support the RVES fundraiser. A percentage of the sales will go to the PTA. 50% of the collection will go to the 5th grade promotion. Contact AJ Mora
 - Family Game Night for PreK-2nd grades (April 5th) - Coach Remer, Meredith Williams, Betsy Lavender, and Mimi Aledo-Sandoval are on committee. SSL hours are available, please contact Mimi Aledo-Sandoval
 - Multicultural Night (April 12th) Sign-Up Genius link in the chat. We want families to participate and perform. Looking for 5 families to perform. Contact Eshe Shaw
- Words from RVES Administration
 - Read Across America Week (March 2-6). To date, students have checked out 17,451 books this school year. Students are checking about 83% of our books. Students have access to digital books. (60% fiction and 30% are non-fiction) There is also a Professional Library for adults in the Media Center. Ms. Paik has a Maker Space ([link on RVES website](#)). If you have RVES library books, please return them.
- PTA Officers for 2024-2025 - Election of Nominating Committee

- Jeff Merrell and MaiLien Le shared they participated on the committee last year and it was a great experience. It is important that the nominating committee is diverse and provide various perspectives represented in our school community. Diversity includes different backgrounds, race, ethnicity, grades, etc. The membership voted to elect the following individuals to the nominating committee - Sandra Cordova, Aime Keith, Maddie Orange, Maria Romero, and Betsy Lavender. This committee will need to share their recommendation for the slate of officers to the PtA membership 10 days prior to the May PTA meeting.
- RVES Speaks - Community Comments and Q&A - none
- Motion to Adjourn - Eshe motioned. Hornyak seconded. Meeting was adjourned.