

RVES PTA Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024
Attendance: 22

- Welcome & Introductions.
 - Mimi invited everyone to introduce themselves through the chat and include their child's/children's name(s) and grade(s)
- Acknowledgments and Gratitude.
 - Helping Hands - parent volunteer event in December great turnout to assist teachers; parent volunteers from K through 5th.
 - Another Helping Hands event will be scheduled for the Spring.
 - January Game Night for 3rd through 5th graders was a success thanks to the committee volunteers - Meredith Williams, Coach Doug Remer, Betsy Lavender, and Mimi Aledo-Sandoval
 - i. Family Game Night for pre-K to 2nd has been rescheduled for April 5th.
 - STEAM Night: Thank you to all the parents who donated items for the various STEAM activities and to the parents who volunteered to support the STEAM stations.
 - Variety Show: Ms. Taupenot. Deadline for Friday (02.09.2024); encourage group acts; do Google form plus permission slip.
 - Mimi discussed the status of the permanent Principal appointment . Announcement likely in March.
 - Movie Night is on hold due to licensing fees and MCPS has a bar on streaming services through their Wifi. AJ will work on getting rescheduled. Ms. Fay suggested it be before the time change due to light outside.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from December was deferred.
- Treasurer's Report: AJ discussed the fundraising w/ total balance \$23,363.
- Spring Book Fair: Aime Keith discussed the Book Fair; indicated that a parent volunteer is needed to chair or co-chair plus many volunteers to make the event happen; The Book Fair is not a fundraiser for PTA. The PTA is primarily a pass through; contact Aime Keith if interested; the pass thru is not currently in the PTA budget.
- Budget Adjustment Recommendation: AJ went through the adjustment of the budget. Cut to budget and adjustment; grade-level priorities will not be impacted; Erin Dower inquired why the Read-A-Thon fell short - Mimi explained there was transition in the volunteer committee.
 - AJ made a motion to approve the adjusted PTA budget.
 - Amy Ginn seconded the motion.
 - Passed by quorum.
- Upcoming Events and Announcements:
 - Black History Month
 - Family Game Nights (Prek-2nd grades) - April 5th
 - Parent Level Committee

- i. Parents can volunteer during recess
- ii. 5th Grade Committee update by Betsy C.
 1. T-shirts
 2. Memory Book
 3. 5th Grade Fun Day (inflatables, pizza, movies)
 4. Plan Promotion Ceremony
 5. Next Meeting 02/08 at 7
 6. Invited 4th Grade parents if they want to learn.
- Words from RVES Administration: Ms. Olivia Bailey
 - More info re enrichment: ELA curriculum Benchmark (supplemental); math curriculum Eureka provides for enrichment based on standard the teacher is teaching; compounded math option for 4th and 5th grade;
 - Cluster PTA Meeting canceled but will be rescheduled. Encourage parents to attend.
- RVES Speaks - Community Comments and Q&A. - no comments
- Motion to Adjourn - Jeff Merrell
- Eshe Shaw - seconded
- Mtg adjourned.

*****Approved PTA 23-24 Budget Adjustments*****

- Revenues
 - Original Budget based on projected \$47,325 in revenues.
 - Budget Adjustments - adjusts to projected revenues to a more realistic \$35k
 - Downward adjustments (total - approx \$12k)
 - ReadAThon (by approximately \$5k)
 - Book Fair (\$6k) - a wash because it is a budget pass thru
 - Spirit Wear/Memberships/Restaurant Nights (approx \$1k)
- Expenditures
 - Original Budget expenditures \$42,790
 - Budget Adjustments - adjust expenditures to \$29,276
 - Downward adjustments (total approx \$13,500)
 - Book Fair (\$6k)
 - Category cuts
 - Meetings and Operations (\$1k)
 - Fundraising Costs (\$700 SpiritWear inventory)
 - School Support (Beautification and Recess - \$1k)
 - Enrichment - \$2k (new initiatives in EML conversations club and afterschool scholarships)
 - Community Building - approx \$2k (Heritage Month spending significantly lower, so cut \$1,750; still leaves \$750) and there

was \$400 in savings from the amount that was budgeted for
BTS .

- Estimated higher carryforward of \$5,715 (vs original budget carryforward of \$4,535
- Major takeaways - Grade-level priorities funding is kept whole, and staff appreciation and staff reimbursement budgets are also kept whole.