

RIJMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday September 13, 2021 REMOTE MEETING

Call to Order and Welcome: Jennifer McManaman at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2021: Tom Novinski motioned and Blair Kramer Seconded.

Board 2021-2022: President is Jen McManaman, Vice President is Megan Crowley, Treasurer is Kelly Conlon-Hockman and Secretary is Blair Kramer.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Conlon-Hockman-Proposed budget review, it is similar to the 19/20 school year.

Budget Approval/Adoption - Tom Novinski motioned. Erin Keane seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Membership is back up, magazine reorder money from a previous year's fundraiser, and AmazonSmile is money coming in. Money going out is classroom grant money for the teachers, CAPE dues, and teacher welcome gifts and teacher back to school luncheon.

Principal's Report: Tom Novinski - Today's remote learning was a success. Google Meets was a learning curve. Outdoor Ed is the 21st and the 22nd of this month and Mr. O will contact chaperones tomorrow. There are 28-30 students not attending, the school will reach out and if it is for financial reasons, between the school and PTO, we will make sure everyone that wants to go is covered.

Fundraiser kick off is Monday September 27th during PE classes. Mr. O will discuss it in next week's newsletter. Day of Awesome is rewarded when a student earns \$60. They will get two periods, hopefully the 29th of October. Picture retake day is October 5th 1st and 2nd hour. Pictures that have been ordered should come this week or next week. iReady Language Arts and Math results coming in the next few weeks. National Junior Honors Society is sponsoring Gold

Out for Cal's Challenge the week of September 20th-24th. Our athletes will be wearing gold socks or gold wrist bands. T-shirts can be ordered and are \$10.00, all proceeds go to Cal's. 6th Grade Signs of Suicide meeting first hour on September 22nd. All 6th grader's will be screened for signs of suicide with help from district social workers. It's a great way to get students help that need help. 8th graders will be screened later in the year. 6:30 p.m. on October 20th is the More Than Sad presentation, for parents about talking to our students about their social and emotional health and how we can better support them.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker- Our numbers are getting better. Info will be added to the weekly newsletters and on FB.

CAPE: Blair Kramer / Lorrie Walker - CAPE from August 27th mtg. CAPE presented the check to Wallin Oaks PTA with a check in the amount of \$1,500 from donations from all the schools. Thank you to the participants. Dr. Abrell stated that one of the biggest issues is transportation right now. We contract out transportation and food service. We continue to go forward with as many normal activities as possible. The masks will probably not be leaving any time soon. We will be complying with the governors order to have all staff vaccinated or they must submit to twice weekly Covid tests. (This was pre the SHEILD announcement, so not sure if details have changed). Teachers and staff are working extra hard to make this year an amazing experience for all our students. Thank you to all parents who volunteer and help our district run smoothly.

Tom Hernandez reminded everyone that the governor has the authority to make these decisions and we have no control over that. Please don't let our personal feelings weigh on the children. We need parent help and support to keep some sort of normalcy for our kids. This is Dr. Arbell's last year, and we want to thank him for all he has done for this district. Take social media with a grain of salt and call Tom for answers. Dawn Bullock (APT Representative) mentioned there is google classroom and if your child is quarantined it is there for them to make sure they have access to what was taught. At middle school and high school we want the kids to advocate and reach out if they need assistance. Any issue you have,

please start with the teacher so they have a chance to work with the student and family to help clear up any misunderstandings. School Board (BOE): Barb Seiden - Pending boe policy that references PTO PTA boosters, that whatever your groups put out is on the group and not from the district

Mindy Jackson-Plainfield Public Library said to check out the online calendar for Future Events. Take and Make will continue on days with no school. Brain Fuse Help Now is live tutoring and homework help online. Presidents Report: Atiya Coleman Young looking to make CAPE consistent, accessible, and transparent. 2022 Homecoming Parade-you don't have to be on the rotation to participate. Clubs and organizations can participate. Don't need a float, you can just walk. Deadline to join is Sept 22. Theme for the parade is Coming Together. Google doc of description due by Sept 27th. Please share your fundraisers so we can share with the community.-will share to CAPE FB page. CAPE has extra programs for people who need them. They are at this meeting and will also be here at the next meeting. They will be thrown out after that. Tom Novinski and Jen McManaman both said we do not need any extras. 2021-2022 CAPE Awards Update, I did mention the suggestions as far as two nights, they said they already have enough trouble getting admin and staff there for 1 night, let alone 2. CAPE will be sending out a survey soon, so please voice your ideas there. Right now we can have events on the school grounds as long as they follow the guidelines. Food Trucks and what we need to do. There is a list of vendors approved with the health department. TBD on how to get food vendors approved. Sue Peterson is the person from the district to reach out. PTO PTA should have insurance for themselves to cover events they throw. Scholarship committee was added to the rotation of jobs. Adding Academy and it may be more like a grant (looking to them for direction). Next Meeting is: September 24, 2021 - Lorrie is covering the notes for the September meeting review at the October PTO Board meeting.

Hospitality: Darci Ridge - Lunch was wonderful and went well from Kristy's Katering. Next is a grab n' go lunch on Tuesday November 2nd.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman - We are doing great. 194 parents and 55 staff members as of this morning. We are grateful for the support.

Spirit Wear: Erin Keane - October 7th from 4-8p.m. Karen Carter will host a tie dye event in front of her shop, Makery Studios in the Backroads strip mall. You will tie dye and she will add the Ira logo to items. She will set up a pre-order and get a flyer made for social media.

Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Conlon – Hockman. School Store, is the school store going to open? May not have a need at the moment. We are going to put this on hold until the next meeting.

Homecoming: Homecoming is October 2nd.

Old Business: None

New Business: Updates - Gold Out Football Game at PNHS 9/24 which is also senior night. Day of Awesome Kick Off 9/27, Day of Awesome is 10/29. NJHS will be running different events, so keep your eye out and support them. We will post items on Facebook. Blair mentioned that Shoparoo app is no longer active and will stop posting it on Facebook. Blair asked when people could order pictures online until Tom Novinski said it was open. She also asked about yearbooks and he said into February. He also mentioned there are 125 yearbooks for sale from last year for \$20. Go to the front office to purchase them. Next Meeting: October 4, 2021 on Google Meets

Adjournment at 7:07 pm - Tom Novinski motioned and seconded by Jen McManaman.