

RRMS PTO General Meeting October 19, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Janet Harcek, Denise Schwartz, Nicole Hsiao, Becky Wilson
16 in attendance including board and Debi Briggs-Crispin Greg Mylet, and Russ Romas.

Call to order at 9:20am

Introductions

Minutes from last regular PTO meeting held May 24, 2016 were distributed and reviewed, no questions were asked, and no corrections were made. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Becky Wilson distributed and reviewed financial statement. Questions were brought up by Bash chair questioning why her totals did not jibe with those presented. Discrepancy was discovered and corrected.

Back-to-School Bash

report given by Jenny Kling: 300 "bash packs" were made, and all were sold; we had to make about 20 more. We also sold 975 tickets. For next year Jenny recommends we offer a band for only rides, and suggests we not advertise it, but offer it as an option at the door. \$20 price point is super-easy, and has contributed to success for last 2 years. In 2017 Bellagio's pizza prices will be going up, so maybe bump up to 4 tickets per slice. Jenny has dialed in everything she did, and has made extensive lists for next year's chair. This year Jenny opted to increase inflatables to 3, and suggests maybe a fourth for next year.

Spirit Wear

Linnette Jackson reported that all spirit wear has been delivered with only one issue. Feedback is welcome, and Linnette is open to any ideas for next year. Linnette will do spirit wear next year, provided she brings someone on to train in order to take over for her after next year.

Scrip

Stephanie Hascall explained how scrip works to everyone. It was suggested that one reason we do not get more orders is that people have credit cards with rewards on them, and want to get their cash back and airline miles. Linnette Jackson talked about how Trillium moved away from script due to disinterest. Heidi MacLaren suggests marketing scrip better by having someone tell a story about how scrip cards benefitted them, and also suggested a push at the holidays when people are looking for gifts. Stephanie asked the board if they would be willing to purchase a "base" of cards that she would be willing to sell at school events. Board to discuss.

Mr. Romas

Discussed politics and how they are being addressed with students at school during this election season.

Directories

Heidi MacLaren discussed the status of our directory order. She will chair the directory again next year, but is looking for someone to partner with her..questioned if Becky would help next year. We had 290 ordered, and placed order for 310 so office would have extra. We will need volunteers for putting student name stickers on.

Monster Mash

We need volunteers - national honor society students, grandparents, anyone who can help! Donation items can be brought to the office.

Coyote Run

Amy Robertson has everything going well for outside; kids are pumped, packets were distributed this past Monday. We have containers for water and Amy will buy cups. We will need more volunteers for a successful event. Debi to remind teachers that they need to distribute packets!!

PTO Meeting dates/times

Board has set the following dates and times for PTO meetings for the rest of the year: January 25 at 6pm; March 14 at 9:15am; May 30 at 6pm

Available PTO positions next year:

All board positions are available; all chair positions are open
Linnette will do spirit wear with a trainee
Heidi will do directory with a helper; possibly Becky Wilson.

Rosemont Council

Debi Briggs-Crispin provided an overview of our student body this year: We have 840 students..the biggest middle school in the district! All 48 of our new lockers are full!
The new middle school (Meridian Creek in Wilsonville) will open September 2017.
Some of our fabulous teachers are working with Debi and the district to help decide what should be happening in all 4 middle schools so they can be as alike as they can possibly be, in terms of curriculum and instruction. They are working within district guidelines as they build schedules and program offerings for all 4 middle schools. The boundary task force has also begun. RRMS is at capacity, so we will have some relief with the new middle school coming next school year. Our boundary will shrink some. Some of our kids will likely end up at Athey Creek, and some Athey Creek kids will move to Meridian. The new boundaries will not affect us in terms of where our kids go to high school. Equity of resources to be employed; dual-language programs will continue. Those students who began school in the first wave of our dual-language program are now 4th graders, so there is discussion of how many of our middle schools will continue that program. District focus this year is: "Who are our students?" How to we support their needs and help them to be strong learners. Teachers are challenged to know each individual child. Teaching teams are sharing what are they doing to create a culture in their classrooms where a child is "known." Research shows that middle schoolers are more likely to do something "hard" if they feel supported in who they are.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20