

## **RRMS PTO General Meeting 9/23/2021**

**Present:** Dr. Briggs-Crispin, Jenn Hill, Sarah Tycast, Nicole Alexander, Shannon Ilas, Kelly Rogers, Lane Abrahamsen, T.D. Malone, Jenny Cook, Thomas Frank, Naz Kleiman, Annie Pincas (sp?), Crystal Clearwater (sp?), Erica Stock Williams, Frances Arejor, Erin (last name?), John (last name?)

**Call to order:** Jenn Hill at 10:11am on Zoom

The minutes from the last (zoom) meeting on 6/10/2021 are on the website at [www.rosemontridgepto.org](http://www.rosemontridgepto.org) . Minutes were reviewed, no questions were asked and no corrections were made. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **New Business:**

Jenn Hill

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year!

After a difficult year last year, we hope to make this year a success.

*Sixth Grade Survivor:* We had a great Sixth Grade Survivor this year with a tour and treats for the sixth graders. Dr. B.C. and Mr. Rogers had a great parent meeting at the event.

*Back-to-School Bash:* The Back-to-School Bash had to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID. We hope to reschedule some sort of event for the Spring.

*Coyote Fun Run:* The event is Wednesday, September 29, 2021. There are no individual prizes this year. It is a "give what you can" event -- if you cannot give, that's ok -- all kids will get a treat at the end.

Conference Meals: We are figuring out if we can do home-cooked meals or buy from a restaurant. There are no on-site volunteers this year (UPDATE: we CAN do home cooked meals)

Spirit Wear: You can find the link to the spirit wear store on the PTO website

[www.rosemontridgepto.org](http://www.rosemontridgepto.org) . Kadmark gives back to the PTO for all purchases. If you would like to see anything new, please let us know; for example, last year we added a mousepad from a parent suggestion.

**Communications:** Sarah Tycast: I have updated the Facebook page to take parent posts. There is a community Facebook page for all WLWV middle schools but it has had some specific Rosemont questions so this can be a place for that information. Our website was run by Christy Reihm but she does not currently have an RRMS student, she has handed it over to Sarah Tycast. There are links to the Zoom meetings, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, spirit wear, the facebook page link and the Amazon Smile link that gives back 0.05% of purchases to the school.

**Volunteers:** Shannon Ilas: Our next volunteer opportunity is meals for the conferences. We will have dinner on October 6 and breakfast on October 7. Will send out a sign up genius once we have more details.

**Treasurer:** Nicole Alexander: The Coyote Run Venmo is about \$3,000 in donations right now. There is information on the website that you can use to send to family and friends to gather donations. Because the Back-to-School Bash was cancelled late due to COVID we have a loss of about \$1,200 (about half the budget) because the vendors had already planned staff, activities, etc.

**Community Give Back:** Naz Kleiman: Working on a list of restaurants in the West Linn, Lake Oswego area to organize dates.

**Community Support:** Lane Abrahamsen: We are looking for ways to connect students and the community and would like to work with VOTS\*. Please let me know if you have any idea/suggestions on what we can do in this area.

*\*VOTS is Voices of the Students, an organization of students from each advisory class, they will have elections October 1 and they meet twice a month*

### **Principal Report:**

Dr. Briggs-Crispin: We had to do a quick flip for Sixth Grade Survivor this year since sixth graders started the same day as seventh and eighth graders. Next year, we will be sure to have schedules and locker information to hand out that day.

This year, we have changed some procedures like assigned times for visiting lockers and the entrance procedures. We may look into keeping them even after the pandemic.

Teachers met to discuss the year's three areas of focus:

1. Culture & Community: supporting all students especially those who struggled last year
2. Engagement for Learning: we recognize that all students rose to accountability in hybrid and online school last year. Students had to keep track of all that they were doing themselves and we plan to help them more this year with this important skill to take to high school.
3. Instruction & Assessment: Google Classroom helped teachers scaffold their lessons for all kinds of learners last year. Teachers were also blown away by the feedback kids got/gave using Google Classroom.

Parent- Teacher Conferences will be virtual again this year.

Kelly Rogers: Thank you to the PTO for your persistence during this pandemic and rolling with the disappointments, we are really appreciative.

We know there is a thirst for activities for students. It is great to see our Cross Country team with more than 100 students. We have a Science Fair Club this year. Also, there is VOTS, SAGA, an all-star band and orchestra, unity team and we have a new math teacher this year looking to lead the LEGO Robotics team.

Outdoor lunch is still working well. We are working with the district to get tents set up for Fall weather so students can eat in a safe way outside.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am