

PTO GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 29, 2023
6:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order & Welcome – 6:04 PM**
- II. **Calendar of Events – Report Outs & Upcoming Events**
 - **Monster Mash Wrap Up – Sara Tycast**
 - Highly successful, lots of kids attended, fee did not appear to deter anyone.
 - Sold 373 Tickets; 338 recorded as attended (same or more than 2022)
 - Feedback:
 - Similar set up was good – dance, games, sports in back gym; maybe go to 90 minutes versus 2 hours.
 - Crafts new this year and well received.
 - Some suggestions / feedback re supervision and setting expectations (maybe safety briefing, what to do if / which doors are emergency); make clear(er) to kids about leaving early, communicate no masks. Mentioned need to monitor doors so kids can't leave.
 - Principal Sarah shared ideas: May need to think about water again (to avoid slip and fall). From other middle school principals, discussed option of dance right after school, with snacks/pizza (issue may be kids wanting to get dressed up for Spring/Valentine's Dance and/or if fall dance, hard to bring costumes to school).
 - **Dine Out Nights in December:**
 - Wednesdays @ Spectator Pizza
 - Dec 14 @ Backyard Burger
 - **Cookie Share**

- Missy Corwin and Mary Goldberg are coordinating cookie share – set for last day of school before break
- Principal Sarah sent out link today: [RRMS Volunteers: Winter Cookie Swap \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

- **February 7, 2024 – Career Day**

- Thomas Frank and Amanda Koltayer – chairing the event
- Note to parents/volunteers – you do NOT need to be registered to volunteer/come to this event
- More communication to come

III. Principal’s Report & School Plan Presentation – Principal Sarah

- **Highlights of work plan (handout)**

- **MAP – Measured Academic Progress**

- RR does fall and winter (spring has separate assessment). Shared overall data, RR doing well especially compared state overall. Language Arts scores impressive; Math scores reflect likely overall kids coming out of COVID and struggling still (nationwide similar results)
- Change from elementary to middle school in terms of teachers develop their own curriculum and plan (versus set plans in elementary), so Principal Sarah has focused on development of plans, documentation of same (shared drive for teachers) etc. set to OR / school prioritized standards. This is ongoing work by teachers and administration – goal is to have 50% teacher created curriculum. Idea is professional learning community creation – laying the foundation for this work, communication and collaboration.
- Focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - build into all classes (not just advisory and build in across the day for all students – tie it into the subject). 33% answered appropriately the question; focus on improving.
- Racial Equity Goal – at your school, how often are you encouraged to think deeply about race related topics? Saw improvement with

teachers' scores on answering this question and hope to see help in addressing this with students too.

- Behavior Support Structures – in place- things like Family/Student Handbook, Coyote Code, Responsible Decision-Making Code. Calmer overall than last year, one more year post-COVID.

IV. Treasurer's Report – From Grace

- **Monster Mash** came in under budget (was \$2K budget, \$1600 costs)
- **Fund expenditure:** Curriculum enhancements have been spent and are coming in; teacher requests coming in; employer matches still coming in.
- **Overall,** PTO budget in good condition. Dine Outs will help (Grace going to reach out to Linn City Pub for Dine Out in January 2024)
- Taxes have been filed; software prices going to go up (discount if pre-purchased so going to go ahead with that).

V. Other Updates

- [Spirit Wear](#)
- No Idling Campaign – (Charity) wording approved by Principal and District is okay; banner for fence going to be ordered out of Green Team budget – now just need to order it.
- Earth Day – (Charity volunteered to plan/coordinate options for teachers). Earth Week is April 14 – 22; Earth Day is April 21. Sustainability Committee for WL
- Coyote Crew – Rosemont Ridge Gives Back Day – options for student choice. There's between 70 to 80 kids involved in various Coyote Crew. Sam and Christina are staff folks who are spearheading Coyote Crew/RR Gives Back day.

VI. New Business

- Idea about a Game Night for RRMS (like Athey) – had game trucks, gym/dodgeball, popcorn and Jamba Juice

- i. 6th grade has open house & outdoor school; 7th grade – used to (pre COVID) have ½ way to high school event; 8th grade has Career Day. Lisa has flyer for the program – may be something to consider for spring. Parents were volunteers, 1.5 hours right after school on a Thursday.
 - ii. Consideration is that this would be an event that is not in the budget.
- **Spring Dance** – details and date TBD; event is budgeted.

VII. Q&A

VIII. Adjournment

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