

RRMS PTO Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

Call to order 10:08am

Thomas Frank - motion to approve minutes from 1/18/2023; Wendy van der Sande second, all approve

Welcome & Introductions

- Meagan Vidal, Lowrie Primary PTA and WLWV School Board Candidate - spoke about upcoming election (May 16, 2023) and her background

Treasurer Report, Nicole Alexander

- Working through spending money brought in through COVID years to help students
- The sound system for the school will be about \$80,000 with \$30,000 from PTO, it has been badly needed for years, the invoice should come in April or May
- The \$200 per teacher stipend line item has used about \$3000 so far - asking teachers to submit by May 31, 2023
- Should we add a Dual Language Line item?
- Vote to add Curriculum Enhancement line item for the Library of \$1000 - Thomas Frank made the motion, Wendy van der Sande seconded, all in favor
- 8th Grade Recognition: pre-COVID, parents made donations to pay for recognition events – Sarah Tycast made a motion to raise 8th grade recognition party budget to \$11,000, Wendy van der Sande seconded, all in favor.
- Events: We will be using the Valentines Celebration budget line item for the School Dance events in May (\$500) and may charge \$5 admission

Upcoming Events, Sarah Tycast

- Spring Conference Meals - Wendy van der Sande chair, will be in Sign up genius and in newsletter and separate email, facebook page
- Spring Dance - Wendi Sinclair and Shannon Hildenbrand - date in May TBD
- Teacher Appreciation - Frances Araujo chair May 8-12

Principal Update, Sara McCarney

- Parent Panorama Survey Data Meeting - Family engagement is different in Middle School from Primary School – kids change so we need to learn how to support kids in other ways
- We may consider a “parent tour” night for incoming sixth grade parents
- The Conference Format - it changes from a single elementary school teacher to student-led format about student’s goals and sense of ownership

Other Business

Career Day, Thomas Frank

- We really appreciated the table set up by the staff!
- Real life simulation - need some changes for salaries, rent amounts, etc.

- Next Fall we will meet with the 8th grade team to make any changes.
- Booths handing out “swag” were popular, need to tell that to presenters next year

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10am

Meeting Attendees:

Lane Abrahamsen, Sarah Tycast, Nicole Alexander, Wendy van der Sande, Thomas Frank,
Jackie Tinsley, Sara McCarney