



**RUSD District PTA
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday March 19, 2025 8:30am**

Present: Mickey Hubbell, Michelle Thomsen, Liana Johnson, Matt Barron, Kim McGrath, Sandeep Sahai, Argavan Nilforoush, Tracey Paull, Jessica Etchevers, Annie Defesche

1. Welcome - President, Mickey Bruce
 - Vote on February Meeting Minutes
 - i. Approved Michelle Thomsen
 - ii. Second Tracey Paull
 - iii. Unanimously approved
 - Approval for water filling stations
 - i. Thanks to board for approval
 - ii. Working with Dr. Kim
 - Marquee site visit at Reed - Mickey will send out date and time
 - All PTA thank you happy hour
 - i. April 30 at Sams
 - ii. 3:45/4:00 so teachers can join
 - iii. Passed apps and free first round of drinks
2. Reed Site Chair Update: Michelle Thomsen
 - Book fair next week, family night Wednesday
 - Book drive April 21-25, goal is 5000 books
 - Staff appreciation week first week of May, looking for a house for a party on Wednesday May 7, coffees May 8, potluck May 9
 - End of year playdates for each grade at Belvedere Park

3. Superintendent Report - Dr. Kimberly McGrath

- Attendance: chronic absenteeism is set by the state, rolling 10% of days in school; 8% of families are chronically absent; no finding related to attendance
- Is there a way to change the messaging around the letter that goes out to parents?
- Parents want more info on what their students know and learn in each grade level. Can we each review a draft of a document that Kim created? Mark up or email and send.
- Food service update: RFP going out this week or next week - may have 4 vendors interested and will do a tasting
- Staff update: Diane Rhodes is resigning so need someone to take Ms. Bontz's place
- Negotiations: met March 10, will meet again March 31; agreement on evaluation tools for certificated positions; 6% and 8% from teachers; RUSD responded with 3% and 4.5%; added \$150/month towards health benefit; added step 30

4. RUSD Board Update - Sandeep Sahai

- Went to JLAC on 2/26/25
- Also visited different sites
- Youth Truth Survey results were reported by Brian Lynch; overall good news
- Approved second budget and transportation plan
- Kathy Dominico presented assessment of a potential bond measure, board approved next steps which will be to hire an entity to do a survey

5. Foundation for Reed Schools Update - Annie Defesche

- Tickets go on sale March 24, family sponsorship went on yesterday which is \$950 which includes premium wine, 2 tickets, extra casino chips, 2 bus tickets; helps underwrite the cost of the event
- Franco Finn will be auctioneer; mechanical bull; casino; The Cheeseballs; live auction is coming together; coming up with new ideas for "raise your paddle"

6. Site Chair Updates

- Del Mar – Argavan Nilforoush
 - i. 8th grade graduation: boat cruise, FNOM, parent party at Sams
 - ii. Working on kindness initiative: African Library Project
 - iii. World of Change happening now
 - iv. Spirit Wear store open April 21-March 23, have 5th grade room parents send out link for graduation gifts
- Bel Aire – Tracey Paull
 - i. Book drive with Reed
 - ii. 5th grade promotion team is working hard, working on a charity activity

- iii. Play debuted last night - less lift from parents, volunteers were where they needed to be; cut rehearsals so slightly less polished but overall the kids had fun

7. Treasurer Update - Matt Barron

- Budget Update
 - Send to Jessica for April meeting

8. Nominating Committee - Amy Dugdale

- One member resigned so Amy Kaufman (alternate) will be on the committee
- Meeting weekly on Wednesdays; Amy will check in with them soon
- Slate will be delivered April 1

Adjourned at 9:48 a.m.