



**RUSD District PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday April 16, 2025 8:30am**

**Present: Mickey Hubbell, Tracey Paull, Dana McRay, Liz Webb, Jessica Etchevers,  
Toni Lee, Kim McGrath, Liana Johnson, Michelle Thomsen, Annie Defesche**

1. Welcome - President, Mickey Bruce
  - Vote on March Meeting Minutes
    - i. Approved: Michelle Thomsen
    - ii. Second: Jessica Etchevers
  - PTA happy hour
    - i. April 30 @ Sams, 4:00-?
    - ii. 3 deck tables reserved
    - iii. First drink covered, no need to RSVP
  - National membership dues increase
    - i. Increasing by \$1 per member
    - ii. Keep in mind for future planning
  - Need volunteer list for district volunteer appreciation luncheon in May
    - i. 40 names total
    - ii. Site chairs give 10-15 names from each site + Foundation
    - iii. Tracey will make a shared doc, enter by April 30, send to Sharon
  
2. Superintendent Report - Dr. Kimberly McGrath
  - Food services: 5 or 6 vendors coming for tasting tomorrow @ 3:30
  - RFP process after tasting; don't have to go with the lowest bidder
  - Facilities: beginning to interview surveying firms to measure the community's appetite for facility improvement and which items are preferred

- Negotiations: 5 meetings so far, meeting again on Monday
  - Reviewed facts about RUSD's position
  - Staffing: board approved new Reed principal Aubrey O'Connor; Abby O'Leary will be TOSA specializing in visual arts
  - Dr. Kim is starting a budget advisory committee; strategic planning committee and LCAP are going strong
3. RUSD Board Update - Liz Webb
- Very extensive process to interview and select the Reed principal
  - Math action plan task force
    - i. K-5 piloted new curriculum, selected Amplify Math
    - ii. Built in assessments, goes up to 12th grade
    - iii. Team will create family guides to accompany
  - Enrollment report: small decline but in a good spot
  - Reading difficulty screener approved; Amplify also offers a reading screener
  - Caltrans planning on putting bike lanes and medians on Tiburon Blvd which would affect 4 bus stops; district is in opposition and is sending a letter
  - Approved teacher appreciation week
4. Foundation for Reed Schools Update - Annie Defesche
- Ticket sales close next Friday for gala
  - Bus tickets available but will sell out
5. Site Chair Updates
- Reed - Michelle Thomsen
    - i. Presentation of Reed activities and vote for said activities
      1. Need a total of \$9200 total for all 3 programs
      2. Matt will need to review budget before voting
    - ii. Spirit Wear - need \$8K for fall as team is rolling over; also needs to be looked at by Matt and voted on
    - iii. \$16,200 in book fair sales in fewer hours
    - iv. Book drive next week
    - v. New outdoor learning space inspired by Dr. Niesyn
    - vi. Year end play dates for each grade
    - vii. Staff appreciation and field day in the works
  - Del Mar – Argavan Nilforoush (Given by Mickey Hubbell)
    - i. 8th grade moms party May 15th
    - ii. 8th grade graduation and grad events on June 13; need volunteers
    - iii. African Library Project (book collection)
    - iv. Assistant site chair Chenin Malloy
  - Bel Aire – Tracey Paull
    - i. Play netted around \$10K
    - ii. Feedback was great on less volunteering
    - iii. Yearbooks on sale

- iv. Book drive with Reed
  - v. Volunteer opportunities coming up at Bel Aire: yard duty, Earth Day chalk project
  - vi. Talent show Thursday before Memorial Day
  - vii. Lots of activities the final week of school
  - viii. Del Mar spirit wear for 5th grade parents on sale April 20
6. EVP Update - Megan Pirsch (Given by Mickey Hubbell)
- Celebration of Education
    - i. May 21, need wine donations
    - ii. 4-5 volunteers
    - iii. St. Stephen's Church in Belvedere
7. Historian - Dana McRay
- Tracey has document from last year that can be shared again
  - Add new column and distribute
8. Treasurer Update - Matt Barron (Given by email)
- There are no pending / uncleared checks in my Delux queue; if you or someone on your team has any unpaid expenses please push them thru Delux and we'll get them squared away. Please remind folks to attach receipts and provide comments / notes so that it is clear what the check is for.
  - We are moving forward with funding the water fountain installations; we'll have a check wired from our RUSD PTA Checking account once we receive the recipient's information.
  - Megan is working with Michelle Wilson on the Celebration of Education event; more to come.
  - Working with Mickey and Michelle on a spirit wear order for next fall to ensure inventory for early-year events.
9. Nominating Committee - Amy Dugdale (Given by Mickey Hubbell)
- New slate announced
  - Need parliamentarian and historian
    - i. Tracey will be Parliamentarian
    - ii. Dana will do historian again

Adjourned 9:50 am

