



PTA Board for 2024-2025

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Michelle Santiago

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Cecilia De Sosa

River Grove School PTA Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Teacher's Lounge

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Gina Hohmeier at 6:00 pm

[3/11/25 Agenda](#)

Treasurer Report by Avelina Diaz Acevedo:

Avelina provided a printout showing expenses and income. Our current balance is \$18,449.52. That total includes the 8th Grade Committee Balance of \$2,088.76. Regular PTA Balance is **\$16,360.76.**

Total Deposits YTD - \$21,108.59 details below.

- Spirit Wear - \$60.38
- Sneaker Ball- \$253.
- 8th Grade D' Agustino's fundraiser - \$705 (Pending – not included in balance yet).

Total Expenditures YTD - \$15,230.87 details below.

Sneaker Ball - \$837.65 including:

- Pizza – (Costco) - \$179.10
- Concessions -\$182.20
- Decorations –(Amazon) \$176.35
- Final pay for DJ - \$150

Literacy Night - \$146.25 including:

- Flowers - \$52.73
- Snacks -\$93.99 (Pending – NOT included in balance yet).

Bank Service charge - \$6.50.

Sam's Club Membership - \$50.00

Principal's Report by Mrs. Trujillo:

- Thank you, PTA, for the Holiday parties and the Sneaker Ball! Mrs. Trujillo informed the PTA that even though we were willing to discuss a process on how to potentially “sponsor” the funds for one or two 8th graders to attend the Springfield Trip, it is not being requested. Mrs. Trujillo invited us to partner with the school for a Leyden HS 100-year celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2025, for a Family picnic from 10-2 at East Leyden High School. RGS school will handle the planning but is asking for PTA volunteers. More details about this event will be available later. Mrs. Trujillo asked if we may be open to help funding the cost of buses/gas for field trips next year, since this year we have a more robust budget than in years past. Mrs. Trujillo discussed the Attendance raffles occurring during the testing going on this March at school. They will give raffle tickets to the children who attend all day, and at the end of the testing, a winner from each grade will pick prizes. Applebee's and Canes have given coupons, and Mrs. Trujillo is asking if McDonalds can provide something as well. The McDonald Rep (Gina H.) will look into this.

Old Business by Gina Hohmeier:

- Valentine's Day Classroom Parties were held Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 11 AM. That was the last classroom Holiday party for the year. Thank you, Michelle S., for preparing the party kits at your home!
- Junior High Sneaker Ball was held on February 21, 2025, from 6 to 7:45 PM. We had a DJ set up on the stage in the gym which was decorated for the dance. It was not an open gym for kids to play ball but was reserved for dancing. PTA also took instant photos of students for them to take home. Suggestions for next year include having the snacks on the gym balcony so kids who are eating can still hear the music, and parents who volunteer can see them dancing. Or close the gym and have all activity in the commons.
- Literacy Night was held on March 6th at 6 PM. It was also the RGS PTA “Founders Night” and 4 of the past PTA Presidents attended. Kids and parents attended various book readings of Mo Willems' children's books. Each child attending was able to pick out a book to take home.

New Business by Gina Hohmeier:

- Additional Expenditures requested include:
- 8th Grade Shirts - \$800 (more info to come).

- Additional \$90 PTA dues are owed to the Illinois PTA. Avelia will pay for this in June in case more parents sign up before the end of the year.
- Illinois PTA dues will increase to \$6 per member next year 2025-2026. Do we want to keep our parent's costs the same? (To be discussed later).
- The PTA Board Member convention is April 4-5, any board member can attend, it is \$75 each, and must sign up by 3.15.25. 3 attending from RGS PTA can vote.
- The IGSMA District contest is on 3.15.25. RGS is the host this year and it is expected that more than 500 students, parents, and teachers will attend from across the district. RGMO will sell concessions. The attending PTA board members voted to approve loaning RGMO use of our Stripe reader for Credit Card sales, and use of our microwave to heat snacks. We also voted to donate plastic nacho containers from our unused supply. Avelina will be volunteering that day in the concession stand, and other PTA volunteers are welcome.
- Fundraiser Ideas – Natalie contacted the Chicago Dogs Baseball team to look into a family night. This may be an idea for next fall. We also can hold a Sneaker Drive where the community donates their old unwanted sneakers, we send them for recycling and earn \$1-\$6 per pair. This can be done at any time since we are not selling anything. We are still discussing holding a potential parent's night out at a local restaurant.
- Step Up Dance will be held on 5.1.2025. The 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are invited since the 8th graders will be in Springfield. We will need 5th-grade parent volunteers.
- End of Year Faculty Luncheon – Mrs. Trujillo will get back to PTA with the date for the event. We discussed using Tri Café again. We'll need to plan on lunch for 100 people.
- School Gift – We asked Mrs. Trujillo if she had ideas, and she will get back to us.
- RGS PTA Board members for the year 2025-2026 need to be decided by our last meeting of the school year. There are only 2 meetings left. Gina has asked current board members if they wish to be on the board next year, and so far, everyone has agreed to continue in their position, she will follow up with the other absent board members. We need to have board members committed to attending 75% of the meetings during the year.
- The next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6 PM.