

RCMS PTA General Membership DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Prepared by Melissa Sheehan, Treasurer, RCMS PTA

Date:	Thursday, Oct 19, 2023	Time:	6:35 p.m.
Meeting Chair:	Joy Charles, PTA President	Location:	RCMS Library
Attendees:	Total 10 attendees were present. PTA board members and Assistant Principal Chris Powell were present. The quorum was met. Guest Speaker Melanie Meren was also present		
Notice of Meeting:	Adequate notice was provided. Announcements are on the website and in the News You Choose emails.		

Description	Discussion/Action
Call to order:	The meeting was called to order by Joy Charles, the PTA president at 6:35 pm in RCMS Library.
Guest Speaker:	<p>Melanie Meren, Fairfax County School Board Representative - Hunter Mill District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represents 28 schools in her district working to implement policies that focus on smaller class sizes, greater course selections, safety, and transportation Superintendent Michelle Reid is working to overcome the teacher shortage issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> program that hires teachers from overseas for a 5 year commitment Teachers for Tomorrow - a high school course that guarantees employment in FCPS when the student graduates Excited about the new Strategic Plan that was approved in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it drives accountability of County programs An important election year in which all 12 School Board seats are on the ballot (we vote for 4 of them in our District) in addition to 2 County Supervisors, 3 Judicial Officials (1 Clerk of the Court, 1 Sheriff, 1 District Attorney) 3 Environmental Protection Officials (The Soil and Water Conservation Board), and 2 State Representatives (1 Delegate and 1 Senator) Early Voting has already begun Students can earn Service Hours by working at the elections office. More information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/
Secretary's Report:	The Minutes of Sept 21, 2023 meeting will be voted on for approval at the next meeting.
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Mic Night on October 17 was our first community event and was successful. Teacher workday breakfast was well received. Thank you to all the families who contributed food and drinks. Multicultural Night is postponed until further notice.
Treasurer's Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly budget report for September was presented. Decision was made to go back to United Bank since Bank of America was asking for documents for their internal compliance that we could not provide. Former RCMS President

	<p>assisted in changing the signatories on the account to the current President, Treasurer, and Secretary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still cleaning up books from last year • Reported income of ~\$2900 in Memberships and Donations during September • Expenses of ~ \$485 for Membership dues, website, and tax filing
Principal's Report:	<p>Assistant Principal Chris Powell shared Principal's Report. Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sincere thanks for Planning Day breakfast. • Spirit Week is 10/23-10/27, includes Pink Panther Day on Friday - get your pink tutu's now! • There is a new Parent Liaison for the school, Lulu Vaca • Mr. Stokes has enjoyed recent school events including the first Cross Country race and Open Mic Night • 7th graders really enjoyed their Meaningful Watershed Experience fieldtrip.
Membership Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total 157 members as of 10/19/2023
Old Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA goal is to increase the engagement of parents' participation in PTA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to explain the difference between PTA and PTO in newsletter ○ Suggestion to have speakers each month • Website still being untangled and updated • Bulk spirit wear order will be timed in coordination with Basketball game in March
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to appoint PTA Communications Chair
Announcements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections Art Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sandra Martinez has volunteered to coordinate. ○ Three categories: Visual Arts, Literature, and Photography ○ Need volunteers to help judge the school submissions ○ Deadlines and more details forthcoming • Next General PTA meeting on November 16, 6:30 pm, RCMS library
<p style="text-align: center;">Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:10</p>	