



Richardson Olmsted PTA Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM

RO Staff Lounge

11 Attendees

Discussion Topics

- Principal Report- Mr. Getchell
 - Last week had visit from Frederick Richard, olympic gymnast from Stoughton, spent an hour with all the kids
 - Message to the kids- embrace the things that make you different and stick with it
 - Enrichment Coordinators working on programming:
 - JR Spencer, representing the Nez Perce Tribe in Montana Tribe was scheduled to visit last week but had to reschedule
 - coincides perfectly with the 5th grade Native American unit
 - 4th Grade classes are starting their walking field trips to Ames Free Library this week
 - Over the course of the year each class will visit the library
 - 3rd Grade- working on getting giant whale model to come to coincide with their Ocean unit
 - Easton Public Schools has always partnered with Raising Multicultural Kids to have speakers come in during monthly Community Meetings
 - First Community Meeting is on Friday
 - Using children's literature to address situations about families and people being different, as well as social emotional learning
 - 5th Grade is in the early stages of planning a Wellness Day in the spring
 - Could be a good use for a Teacher Grant (see below)
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Coordinate the release of sign ups between the different schools
 - BA's conference assignments were not sent out until days after the other schools were open on Pick A Time, which makes it difficult to coordinate schedules

- o Any way to send email reminders to both parents' emails instead of only the person who signs up?
- Book Fair Update/debrief- Crystal Mordas
 - o \$17,000 in sales, still waiting on final number of amount raised for RO
 - Usually make about \$5,000-7,000 in Book Fair sales each year
 - o All classroom teachers were given \$50 to spend
 - o Will have another Book Fair in March
 - o Would love to be able to have the Book Fair open during all conference hours, but depends on whether or not we have the volunteers
- Trunk or Treat debrief
 - o Way more organized than past years, but tickets were questionable
 - o Lots of unhappy people about having to wait in line for so long
 - o Way too many people from outside of Easton
 - Need to communicate that it is a school community event only and only post on schools' social media pages
 - Supposedly was posted on outside social media pages/daycares/preschools, etc.
 - o Need to think about whether it is necessary for RO to be a part of it going forward
 - o Can RO do something different?
 - Dance? Bingo Night? Ice Cream Socials?
- Budget Review/Treasurer's Update- Trisha Hellen
 - o Haven't made many decisions yet on how to use our overage from Boosterthon
 - Ordered Library bins for new dynamic shelving system and recess equipment, came in and are being put to good use
 - o Have money coming in from Book Fair, Square One Art, Textile Bins to add to the budget
 - o Teacher Grants- teachers can fill out a form to apply for a \$100 (approximately) grant to use towards an activity/supplies for their class
 - 5th Grade Wellness Day, for example
 - o PTA has contributed towards the Faculty/Staff Friendsgiving decorations/supplies, new Staff Lounge Keurig and teakettle
 - o Nurse requested 10 new First Aid bags for field trips, etc.
- Enrichment Programming Update
 - o 4th Grade has a list of possible ideas they will send the coordinators
 - o 3rd Grade- Freedom Trail Scholars, Space/Planetarium
- Memory Book Lead
 - o Kylie Carroll is going to be the lead
 - o Cover will be the ROAR theme instead of a cover contest this year
- Square One Art
 - o Will be doing it in the spring
 - o Usually brings in about \$1,400
 - o Will be looking for volunteers to help organize and sort materials to assist the Art teacher
- New Business:
 - o Working on a Parent Math Night for January for all grades
 - For parents to better help their kids' with their math work

- Six different workshops for parents to visit as needed/wanted
- o Parent question: What would we need to increase our fundraising to in order to facilitate bringing back the 1:1 Chromebook initiative?
 - Would have to increase significantly
 - Purchasing them is one thing, but also have to have the budget to maintain them
 - Also have to fund the subscriptions for the various programs
 - Hard to cut teachers and not Chromebooks
- Next Meeting: January 28, 2026 at 7:00 (No December meeting)

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