

# **RDMPA Meeting Notes - 11-16-2023**

## **Agenda:**

Welcome, sign-in, introductions    5 min

President's Report            40 min

Events recap

Harvest Festival

DFS

Sees

New parents section on website

Forum

Marquee

Spirit Wear

Auction

Headphones

Restaurant Nights

Second Harvest

Vice-President's Report    5 min

Classroom Supplies

Mathnasium

Principal's Report        10 min

Treasurer's Report       20 min

Field trip fund

## **Attendees:**

- Laura Mottram
- Amanda Stack
- Victoria Haller
- Kristen Spencer
- Kamie Fator
- Meghan Green
- Patrick Lynch
- Jackie Moga
- Chris Stallard
- Jena Smith
- Kyra Gabelman
- Caley Sayous
- Coresta Angelo

- Christie Diaz
- Robert Marazzato
- Amie Comilang
- Evelyn Creighton

## **President's updates**

- Harvest Festival: Might consider different bounce houses that can't deflate. Not as many people as last year. Feedback:
  - They were fast and high quality
  - Game area was really crowded - could have been separated out a little more, not enough room for lines
  - Really liked cornhole, but bummed older kids couldn't go in
  - Lots of other events going on in the county, so man
- Drive For Schools
  - Big push at the end helped with donations
  - Feedback:
    - Some way to get online sales easier. Issue is filling out the forms. Need more people to help if we push online sales more.
    - Deluxe: Might be an option next year
- See's Candy: Flyers went home. We get a big portion back from sales.
- RDMPA site: Maybe add a section on site as an FAQ for new parents. Maybe do a video introducing staff. Possibly ask current kinder parents for feedback while it's fresh. Afterschool info is always needed, but it's tough to get info ahead of time. Could list out known/regular events/opportunities, etc. Let's start with collecting info, then think about how videos might work.
- Marquee: Meghan reached out with questions, but no response yet
- Spirit Wear: Sales are pretty good. Proposes a holiday sale to close to cost price. No objections; they did a Black Friday sale a couple years ago that went well.
- Auction: Meeting in early Dec
- Headphones: Replacements have been given out to students.
- Restaurant Night:
  - Penny: \$116
  - Churchill & Beers: \$400. Drawing: Mrs Victory's class won and will get extra recess
  - Village Host on Dec 6
  - Suggestion to change name to Dine for Rio or something similar to give it a focus on community
- Second Harvest: Scheduled to have cans delivered to each class and other locations on 11/27. Posters are attractive for adults around the holidays, but not as kid-friendly. Any volunteers to make it more kid-friendly? We can use RDMPA Venmo. Could also suggest to parents to ask companies they work for to match donations. To get kids involved, suggestion is to ask kids to donate themselves from their piggy banks, or have them

decorate. Could also set up "Empty your change" in dropoff line. Stick It To Hunger Dec 15

### **Vice President's Report**

- Classroom supplies: Kids are loving delivering supplies, but accidentally delivered incorrectly. Some staff who don't traditionally get supplies are asking for supplies.
- Math tutoring - Meghan to follow up

### **Principal's Report**

- Grounds: Stairs are done. Ramp being built between cafeteria and rooms 1-3. Awnings being taken down behind classrooms due to staff injury.
- Current needs:
  - \$3500 for yard duty to support full-day kinder and absences. New sub Liz Ricks. Got \$4k from district, another \$3k from RDMPA, but need another \$3500. Why do need it? The playground are large areas; ideally 4 yard duty members. Now that they're eating in the cafeteria, need help escorting to playground, since kids eat at different paces. Difficult to hire for because it can be tough and pay is low, but it's important. Plus this year, we have construction, so it's more important now. Teachers do 1 duty a week; every other week, either morning or afternoon duty each day. Possibility is to add another duty, but doesn't help with lunch because they can't cover that. Can parents volunteer? In the past, volunteers tend to stick with their own kid or don't typically volunteer. Budgeted \$3500, but didn't factor full-day kinder. Request is to add another \$3500 to budget line. Have the space to do it. Kevin agrees too. Any objections? None. **Laura proposes the addition - Victoria seconds. Any objections? None. Motion passes.**

Field Trip Funds: In the past 4th and 5th did a bake sale and money went to 6th grade science camp. Now it's paid for by the district. Last year before Open House, any money raised went to scholarship fund to fund upper grade field trips. Victoria asked if we can make an exception to use funds for 6th grade. In 4th grade two years ago, they raised specifically for science camp, but not general fund. Propose to give back money to pay for – 4th and 5th grade parents who voted system we have in place. Final numbers - \$961. Cost is \$20 per kid. Proposal that if we cover each class's portion and Mr Sweet's adding, then that class should pay for the add-on, rather than general fund. Any objections to make an exception for what was agreed on? None. Victoria to work with Kevin.

**Next meeting:** Meeting in-person at the golf club 12/7/23