

RDMPA Meeting Notes - 5/13/25

Attendees

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Laura's Updates:

- Bubble Run: Next Tuesday. Signups happening, still need parent volunteers. Looking for bubble machine contributions – can give to Laura or to the office.
- Bake Sale during Open House:
 - Costco pizza - no pre-orders; pay there, \$3 a slice.
 - Open House is 6-7
 - Spirit Wear: Kevin will provide 3 cash boxes for bake sale, spirit wear, and pizza sales
- Staff lunch: May 30, Los Perricos is doing tacos
- T-shirt competition: Laura will catch up with Meghan
 - Laura & Janie will go through the shed and place an order
- Marquis letters: Sold 30 birthday messages for next year. At \$50 a message, it's a good way to bring money in. Looking for an extra set of letters. Too expensive through the sign company, but Amazon has them for ~\$80
- Board positions:
 - Still need a secretary
 - Vote people in:
 - **Janie Black as president**
 - Liz as vice president
 - **Alex Hettinger as treasurer**
 - Laura as communications, etc (Kyra's role)
 - Anna makes a motion to approve new board members above; Kevin seconds, no one opposes. Motion passes.
 - Molly, Kelsey, or Anna are considering it
 - Carissa Summers will be room parent coordinator; she can come to the next meeting to be voted in
- Sunshine Committee:

- Every employee donates \$20 for the year. This year: Bought items that can be reused. Additional celebration days: Counselor day, Lunch Hero day, etc. Just a little extra celebration to help people feel special.
- Asking for gift cards from RDMPA:
 - Maggie's shower: \$150 gift card
 - Patrick: Wedding shower \$150 gift card
 - 3 \$100 retirement gift cards
 - Comment from Kristen: Would be good to check to make sure that HR wouldn't have an issue; it has to be very fair and equal. Meghan: Wouldn't be gifts; it would just be decorations and breakfast for anyone for that month of birthdays. Janie: Sunshine committees are pretty standard for schools and hasn't seen an issue. Meghan: We could standardize or create some guidelines around types of celebrations. Kevin: There may be rules around gifts from a tax perspective. Sunshine committee might be a gray area. Kristen: Could it be incorporated into Teacher Appreciation budget line? Alex: Can you give funds for the Sunshine committee, and allow the committee to choose what to do with it?
 - Laura & Meghan will work on guidelines.
 - Any objections to covering on-campus showers? No objections at this time. One shower has happened, one hasn't.
 - Suggestion is to vote to increase teacher appreciation funds by \$300.
 - **Vote: Motion is to approve additional funds for teacher appreciation and marquis letters, Alex seconds and passes.**
- Hasn't been enough money to cover celebrations, so suggestion is to have RDMPA fund part of this.
- Mr. Kyle: Would like to plant a memorial tree and plaque, and round of golf at Seascape. Nursery will donate a fruit tree. Laura's opinion: Will it survive on campus? Meghan: Walked campus with Christina from the nursery – she thinks it will survive in the spot she chose. It's a pluot tree – would go by the ramp by room 12. Want to donate tree and basket, but won't dig the hole. Will need an auger because the dirt is dense. Ian Dresser might have some tools. Plaque message? He's worked in education for 38 years, and 28 years at Rio.
 - Ideas:
 - Dedicated to Mr. Kyle for his 30+ years of service to our students in our community.
 - Something about impact
 - Something about the tree: Teachers plant the seeds that will grow forever.
 - Send fundraising message to past students/families as well
- Meghan comments re: Sunshine Committee: To get through rest of year

Kevin's Updates / Budget

- Current budget:
 - Allocated accounts: Decided last call to clear those out except some.

- Auction: Coming in at a net of \$36k
- For the year: About \$92k of income, not including Bubble Run
- Expenses: About \$15k (net)
 - Meghan will have a few additional expenses
- Laura: Did Betterworld come out?
- Smore: Meghan has a receipt for this
- Planning:
 - Met recently; filled in staples based on last 2 years' numbers for projections. Sam philosophy: Under-estimate income, over-estimate expenditures.
 - Column J shows change to previous year
 - Income:
 - Donations: + \$500
 - Corporate match: Brought down \$1k
 - Run for Rlo: Upped to \$3k based on success this year
 - Drive for Schools: Kept same
 - Auction: Put at \$25k
 - Restaurant nightsL Down \$1k
 - Events: Up \$500
 - See's: Same
 - Open House: Same
 - Community
 - Harvest Fest: Break even (goal is not to make money)
 - Spirit Wear: Break even
 - Rebates:
 - Lifetouch: Down \$500
 - Other rebates: Same. Did receive Box Tops, but not enough to change this.
 - Interest: Zero-ing out
 - Expenses:
 - School Support:
 - Class funds: Decrease to adjust for # of faculty + gave more to new hires this year
 - Palace Arts: Same
 - Book funds, dropped by \$200
 - Supply cart: Dropped by \$1500
 - Headphones: Dropped by \$2k; not planning on ordering for everyone just need a refresh
 - Expectation charts: Done, so removing line item
 - Student Enrichment
 - Core Support: same
 - Periodicals: Same
 - Beautification: Dropped by \$1k
 - STEAM: Same
 - Math supplements: Same

- Science Fair: \$200
 - Cultural Day: Same, hasn't come to fruition yet.
 - Curriculum shed, playworks, art teacher, all removed
 - Friends Club: Added \$500
 - Recess equipment: New for next year, \$500. Separate from PE equipment
 - Field trips: Keeping at \$2k; needs better marketing w/ teachers
- Staff enrichment:
 - Release time: Same
 - Professional development: Same in case anyone needs hotel stays, etc.
 - Materials/ PE Training: Same
 - Staff appreciation: Upping by \$500
 - Staff lunch: Same
 - Sunshine Fund: New for next year: Budgeted for \$2500
- Community Building & Misc:
 - Kinder Meet & greet: Dropped \$100
 - Movie Night: Down \$250
 - Ice cream truck: Removed
 - Promotion: Added \$500
 - Ice cream social: Up \$250 for ice cream & band
- Non-budgeted / Board approved:
 - Added \$1k
 - Laura: Might not need it to go up after all; keeping same at \$4k
- Admin:
 - Mostly stays same
- About 95k in expenses, and \$70k income. Have a big surplus that we're trying to spend down.
- Wells Fargo: \$180,000
- Allocated: \$46,500
- Surplus of \$108,310 after planned loss
- Room in budget to insert ideas; want to keep some surplus, but not necessarily this much
- Ideas:
 - Janie: Would love to see some 1st grade support
 - Meghan: Needs to do this in a legitimate manner. Needs to talk to supervisor to look into how to get support legitimately
 - Kristen: Tutors as part of afterschool?
 - Looking more for support during the school day.
 - Christie: What about parent volunteers? Meghan: That could be possible; could start messaging this to parents to call for volunteers. Yard duty can't be volunteers. Laura: Discuss more at site council.
 - Laura:

- **Picnic tables for new playground: \$7k approx**
 - Volleyball
 - Liz' idea: Don't always have access to a net
 - Outdoor gym equipment: Seems to be age 13+, so might not work
 - **Soccer goals:** Could go in middle of two fields. Can be wheeled and locked for the weekends. Kids definitely want goals for the lower playground. About \$6k.
 - Permanent might fit; Meghan likes these better for safety reasons. Might be cheaper too.
 - Kevin: Could we subsidize these with Aptos soccer club and offer it as another field
 - Soccer goal wheels
 - Alex: Might be safety issue if they're not anchored. You can add anchors that the goals can be attached to
 - Repair the wall
 - Disc golf
 - Is it dangerous? Popular with schools now – needs to be away from other playground equipment. Laura: Park for now.
 - Stage
 - Costs a lot each year and could use funds elsewhere if we had a semi-permanent stage.
 - Kristen's idea: What if we put money into cleaning up the bleacher area instead? Couple hundred people for 6th grade promotion. Separately, this is a good idea anyway.
 - Cost of rental vs cost of purchasing might not make sense if it takes 10 years to break even.
 - Assemblies, it might not make sense, especially since they start at 7:50am
 - Storage might be an issue too
 - **Shade for the lower playground:**
 - <https://www.schoolspecialty.com/standalone-shade-structure-20-x-24-feet-2125431>
 - Can be anchored into ground
 - \$10k approx
 - **Lexia:**
 - Meghan wants to look into what will be funded first from district
 - License: \$40 per student for about 120 kids; approx \$4800
 - **Khan:**
 - Khan Mappers might be free; Meghan looking into this
 - Disc golf
 - Repairing the wall
 - Shelves for Parent Alliance shed
- If we go ahead with ~\$25k new funds, will still end the year w/ ~\$80k in the bank

Questions:

- Christie: Is there an auction committee meeting scheduled for this year? No. Might have been asking about Harvest festival; that got cancelled.

- Meghan: When are dates set: Meet after school is out to put together the calendar. Laura & Janie will meet this week, and then meet week after school ends. June 12 @ 10am.

Last meeting: June 3, will vote on the budget