



## Meeting Agenda

September 15, 2022 –PTGO General Meeting

1. **Meeting Commencement: Heather Cummings, Parliamentarian, Jessica Carlson, Secretary**
  - a. Welcome and Call to Order
  - b. Approval of Agenda and Meeting minutes from August Board Meeting
  
2. **General PTGO Updates: Ashley Psioda, Chair and Amelia Howard, Vice Chair**
  - a. Introduction of the 2022-2023 Board Members
  - b. Join the PTGO: why should you join help support the school through fundraisers and events?
    - spring auction family fun night
    - staff welcome back breakfast- when staff comes back from summer
    - popsicle playdate: kindergarteners had fun
    - icecream social
    - birthday board- done in past year's bulletin board- kid gets free icecream or italian ice for bdays
    - pop up teacher appreciation
  - c. Current events
    - need volunteers
    - stock the fridge: snacks that are easy to grab like soda or water
    - spirit nights: 2 or 3 people coordinate every month and it is an easy way to raise funds  
we did jersey mikes and red robin last year
    - painted grape last year: students could buy the canvas and paint
  - d. Readathon
    - We will have a committee meeting

3. **Dry Creek Bed Presentation: Lisa McCurdy: rain garden**
  - Dry creek bed will be built this fall
  - Grant with Orange county soil and water: initial rain garden is in and dry creek bed needs to be installed.
  - We were given \$1k for the creek bed. It was constructed in 2015 and OCS helped.
  - Rain garden working
  - Poppy seeds planted: one bloomed and in 2018 more plants were added
  - Rain garden needs repair
  - Action items: recruit volunteers and make a workday
  - Saturday Oct 15, Nov 5 and Nov 19?
  - We need 20 or more volunteers to protect the tree and the landscape there is a signup sheet
  - November 5 was selected
  - Additional work on the nature trail-grant money
  - If there is time on that day they could also work on the nature walk
  
4. **RPES Robotics Team: Patrick Mitchell**
  - a. What it is:
    - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders 1<sup>st</sup> robotics curriculum
    - get to use legos
    - students program the robot
    - kits for 6 teams and 8 students on each team
    - 64 people wanting to be on this team
    - Fall session ends at the end of Oct
    - In school competition top 2 teams compete against other counties
  - b. There are two qualifying teams and help is needed Saturday, November 19 at OHS for our tournament. It is the weekend before thanksgiving.
    - Need 8 or 9 people to set up and Saturday is the actual competition
  - c. Q/A
    - Spring is only for 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
    - We try to let everyone get a chance to experience robotics club
    - Applications need to be in before spring break
  
5. **River Park Updates: Tony Widder, Principal**
  - a. State released student growth data
    - River park stood out in their performance: EOGs
    - River park was ranked 27 in all of NC over 2680 schools in the state in terms of growth
    - Third elementary in the state
  - b. RPES is fully staffed
    - Teacher parent conferences will be in 6 weeks
  - c. Hispanic Heritage month is Oct 20: more information will be sent out.
    - Looking for vendors

- It will be an outdoor event to celebrate diversity in our community
- d. Planters out front- anyone want to help switch out the plants

**6. Treasurer's Report –Treasurer: Leah Mcgrath, Treasurer**

**a. Budget review**

- 22 people signed up on the website
- Vote to approve the budget
- Link on the slides
- Giving every teacher and staff a certain amount of money to supplement their classroom
- Returning teachers: 150 new teachers get additional \$150, teachers switching grades get \$75
- Fund student programs: robotics club
- Pay for subscriptions
- Last year we raised money to fund playground equipment: starting amount is high because of the playground equipment. We have not figured out what we are getting yet and we need to get it purchased next month
- Readathon is a big money maker
- t-shirt and sweat shirt sales: we are working on it similar to last year member hub site will be used. Oct or november
- unanimous vote on budget

**7. Readathon**

**a. We need a theme river or sea of books tying into the dry river project**

- We need help with prizes
- We need volunteers to help count money
- We will fundraise or get money for prizes: the prizes are tiered

**7. Adjourn: Heather Cummings, Parliamentarian**