



MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2023 – Executive Meeting Virtual

- 1. Call to Order, 7:00pm**
 - a. Review and approval of the agenda - approved
 - b. Review and approval of the minutes from previous meeting - approved
- 2. Principal Updates – Tony Widder, Principal**
 - a. October can be challenging for teachers, lots of testing and beginning of year energy and learning rules; so teacher appreciation is very appreciated
 - b. Kids seem invested in the Read a Thon - tracker in the hallway has been great as motivation for reading; Bedtime stories will have a date change
- 3. Teacher Updates – Teacher Reps**
 - a. McCurdy: Teachers also loving the leader boards; incorporating math; adds excitement
 - b. McCurdy: For kids who don't have the parent support, teachers telling them that the kids can log it themselves; teachers are also able to help log
 - c. McCurdy: Maybe need clarification that the QR code is the same, no matter what the date is
 - d. Boleratz: Holidays - date on calendar, Dec 15th, catered lunch for the staff; would love PTGO to set up a sign up genius to get volunteers for lunch/recess coverage
 - e. McCurdy: tried to submit a teacher grant but had issues; tech issue that will be resolved
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Genie Boericke, Treasurer**
 - a. Expect to spend more than is brought in at this time of year
 - b. Spirit wear is netting about \$500; Broken Spoke Farm was nice addition; carryover from last year was higher than expected;
 - c. Will move some funds over to bank account from paypal

- d. Will share detail with Executive Board, but at general meeting, will keep it more general
- e. Broad breakdown will be given, plus a default bucket for additional funds raised - this is what will be voted on for approval at ad hoc meeting on October 23rd

5. Read-a-Thon Update - Kat Murray and Amelia Howard, Co-Chairs

- a. Same QR Code for daily reading every day; date is irrelevant
- b. Packet is available online if children lost packets or slips
- c. Some people are doing donations by minutes read - Kat emailed them individually to let them know minutes read; Kat will do this for any parents who reach out
- d. Give teachers access to the google form with information on who is reading and minutes read
- e. Clarity to QR Code and dates and logging minutes will be added to the weekly Tiger Call
- f. Today, we passed \$8,000 in donations; assuming most parents donate at the end; blanket donations most typical by parents at the end; donations can be made online or in cash/check
- g. If child is unsure if the parent has logged their time, teacher can reach out to that parent to see if they have logged it yet or not
- h. Bedtime Stories from Around the World - moved from Oct 23rd to Nov 6th (day before a teacher workday); sign up genius will be created by Mr. Widder to get volunteers

6. Changes to Bylaws - Genie Boericke, Treasurer

- a. Genie will send something in a few days to the group
- b. Changing plan of what updates we are going to make; no longer getting rid of membership - we are going to make minor changes, changing name to River Park, updating committee positions, updating officer positions, etc.
- c. Possibility of creating a committee or reaching out to RPES community at large to see if anyone with the appropriate background can help amend the bylaws
- d. Hope is to bring the changes up to the general membership at the next general meeting

7. Grant Request from Ms. McCurdy

- a. Big science concept in 4th grade revolved around learning about rocks and minerals; they do a wonderful hands-on science experience for the students related to this concept; but over the years, they have so many bins of rocks and minerals; want to make it so that there are only pairs of 2 for this science experiment which is not possible with the current large bins of rocks and minerals; she would like to purchase new kits and materials to make this science experience more efficient, which is what the grant is asking for; materials should last 8 years

- b. No money is being asked for this year for mountain field trip; money can be moved around from a budgetary standpoint; but that money is being used to just lower the cost of fields for everyone across the board to lower how much each person is paying; so conclusion was that maybe we shouldn't be touching that field trip money
- c. \$9000 is what we have for Teacher Grants;
- d. Widder has questions to ask McCurdy and then we can wait to approve at the November meeting; we could also approve part of it now, and part of it later; but she would like to have it done by next Fall
- e. Grants can be approved just by the board (don't have to get approval from the entire membership)
- f. Last year we used all of the funds allocated to Teacher Grants

8. Planning for November General Meeting - Kat Murray and Amelia Howard, Co-Chairs

- a. Hope Carr presentation is going to be delayed; but presentation is ready to go
- b. Will Atherton and Ann Purcell willing to give an update on Redistricting at the meeting
- c. Wrap up of Read a Thon
- d. Grade Level Reports by Teachers?
 - Ms. McCurdy to Speak on 4th Grade Mountain Field Trip
 - K/1st/2nd - will reach out to some teachers to see if they can speak

9. Spirit Wear Update - Katie Crosby, Member-at-Large

- a. What do we want to sell for the next few events? - tiger stuffies, sweatshirts, more t-shirts (maybe a new design)
- b. Do we want to start taking online orders? Could do Google Form with PayPal link at the end (that would allow us to do pre-orders); no tax issues this way, either, because counts as just a fundraiser for Spirit Wear
- c. Name embroidery could be an add-on to consider

10. Teacher's Favorite Things List - Kat Murray and Amelia Howard, Co-Chairs

- a. Is this through the PTGO? Or the school? (Updated info requested by parent) - it's taken care of by the school (Ms. Boleratz)

11. November Community Event - Kat Murray and Amelia Howard, Co-Chairs

- a. Cider and Cookie Playdate? - Not right now; we will do the milk and cookies event instead from Read a thon; snacks and drinks will be the PTGO role

12. Teacher Appreciation/Holiday Events - Kat Murray and Amelia Howard, Co-Chairs

- a. Stock the Fridge (as usual in October/November) - have a great parent volunteer in charge of it

- b. Event on October 26 (if we can secure a vendor) - teacher appreciation event that day; coffee truck Roasted and Toasted is unavailable; Boleratz will look and see if she can find another vendor
- c. Teacher Appreciation Event in November - likely the week of 13th if we don't do something on the 7th
- d. Christmas Luncheon - Dec 15th will be the date
- e. Desserts for Teacher Social Event (at CHCC) - not sure if that event will take place at Christmas time this year; Widder will look into when it will be
- f. January School Supply Bar - tissues, etc., will reach out to teachers at that time to see what the needs are; flair pens always popular!

13. Girls on the Run - Kat Murray, Co-Chair

- a. Add a Budget Line for GOTR? Could create a more general bucket for after school clubs or activities - could include GOTR and Robotics and any future clubs/activities
- b. GOTR expense last year - the money was spent prior to approval; but if we are okay, we can approve
- c. GOTR is asking for \$500 per year; comparable to Robotics
- d. Motion for adding \$500 into budget for GOTR under a general bucket for after school clubs or activities, in addition to approving the expenses from GOTR from last year of \$266.77; seconded and approved

14. Hispanic Heritage Event

- a. We were the only school with PTGO representation at the district wide Hispanic Heritage event - had officer (Genie) and our Spanish teacher attend
- b. Take away from the event - PTGO is not necessarily understood as a concept by the Hispanic community

15. Adjourn