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April 24, 2023

The February meeting of the Randolph Heights PTA was called to order at 6:15pm by the president.

Welcome and Introduction

President Katie Russell welcomed all attendees. The following members of the PTA executive board were present:

Katie Russell, president
Julie Orman, vice-president
Tim Williams, principal
Beth Tierney, teacher, third grade

Spring Events:

Family Picnic

June 7, 5-7pm

Mr. Richards has a food truck with snow cones and donuts. A second food truck that Principal Williams knows of, and we're still looking for a third option. Hoping that a parent has a contact for one, but will defer to a public list of area food trucks if needed. PTA will buy popsicles for the picnic. PTA Board is optimistic that the Gaga Pit will be ready to go by this date.

Randy's Races

Mr. Richards would like to buy two additional large feather fans for Randy's Races. Widespread approval of this at the meeting.

Garden

Autumn Hubbell is coordinating an effort this spring to refresh the school's gardens. She'll be on site next Wednesday, May 3rd to do a walk through. If interested, please meet her in front of school at 5pm. If interested in volunteering (likely a spring weeding/mulching/potentially planting effort) or ongoing care, please indicate your interest in chat (or on sign up sheet going around).

Teacher Appreciation Week, Michelle Trotter-Matthison

May 8-12. Thanks to parents who have already signed up! The sign-up genius is live and lots of families are participating. For the larger items, parents have worked together among many families to provide meals.

Principal's Update:

SPPS has a new CFO and some funding changes are happening with this. Last year there were 16 teachers, and with additional funds (Covid, etc.) This past year we were able to have additional staff and teachers in place. Special Ed and ELL come out of the district budget, not RHS budget. Next year: 2-3 split class will be gone. Back to having 17 classroom teachers, up from 16.

JEPD (Job Embedded Special Development)- next year we will be 'right sized' to our actual student population. This affects the TDAS and MakerSpace teachers. Both this year's TDAS and MakerSpace teachers will teach TDAS and incorporate makerspace. Every student will still have TDAS and Makerspace. Next year we will also have a half-time music teacher. Every grade (but one) will have music as well!

Kindergarten TA position is kept. We have all of the positions we need plus we added a half-time music teacher, keeping Ms. Hubbard in the library and good consistency with staff and positions. Principal Williams is left with \$14k to run the building. Paper, copies, field trip overages, etc. This part of the budget will be tight. Staff is aware, and it can certainly be done. PTA is willing to step in to help fund other items as they may come up, as able.

Ms. Eisele will teach 5th, as Ms. Pierson has retired. Ms. Hartnett will return to 3rd grade. We will hire a 0.5FTE music teacher and 0.5 3-5 Intervention teacher. Principal Williams has already been in touch with good potential hires for these positions.

Ms. Shively is technically our behavior intervention specialist but has functioned in more of an academic support role as she is a licensed teacher. RHS has been able to do this building has historically had few behavior problems. She is leaving to further her own education so this position will have to be filled as well. There has been good interest from qualified candidates already and the hope is that this and other positions will be filled quickly.

Treasurer's Report:

Update

Operating balance is 79k. We started the year with 91k. Our goal was to decrease the budget to 50k.

2 Additional Feather Flags

Spending Proposal

- *Projector and screen for the cafeteria- 25k*
 - The projector, screen, and audio equipment for the cafeteria is about 25k. We would like to purchase this before the end of the year.
 - Motion to proceed by Julie Orman, Second by Michelle Trotter-Matthison. Approved overwhelmingly by voice vote.
- *Seed a fund for an electronic sign*

- An electronic marquis for the front is about 50-60k. We would like to put away 10k this year towards the sign. A new sign could be updated immediately, even including snow day information when school is canceled. The conversation about the new marquis has been going on for many years and we are excited to be moving towards such a large and long-term goal.
- *Two Additional Feather Flags*
 - Cost will be approximately \$250-\$300 and will be used at Randy's Races and many other events.

2023-2024 PTA Board Interest:

- *Open Positions:*
 - Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-president
 - Nomination and voting process
 - Contact if interested: katie.a.russell@gmail.com and Julie.orman@gmail.com

Additional Items:

Backyard Party Fundraiser- Formerly called the Beer Party, will be hosted by the Hallands. Fundraising for PTA estimated at \$1800.

Amber Waldo has been doing the taxes for RHS and next year will be her last as her kids are moving on. Looking for volunteers to serve in this capacity. Amber will take the time to train in a new person.

Wrap-up:

Katie thanked members for attending. The next meeting will be Monday, May 15th at 6pm in person format. We will vote on next year's board members and wrap up our year. It will be our final PTA meeting of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.