

RAA PTO Meeting
September 27, 2017
6:45pm
Minutes

- Call to Order 6:47pm by Kathy Schneider & Welcome
- In attendance: Dr. Small, Sam Thompson, Jan Bennitt, Elizabeth Bussey, Valencia Jenkins, Jennifer Larsen, Sarah Wilson, Joy Jefferson-Yager, Rasheda Snell, Kathy Schneider, Mrs. Paul
- RAA PTO has openings for:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Fundraising/Box Tops
 - Community Outreach
 - Communications Chair
- RAA PTO has successfully filed the following:
 - 8th Grade Events Chair - Joy Jefferson-Yager - jry520@gmail.com - 445-8903
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - Valencia Jenkins - mrsvj1@gmail.com - 264-8084 and Joy Jefferson-Yager, same contact as above
 - Faculty Birthday recognition - Elizabeth Bussey - lizziejon@yahoo.com - 443-0914
 - Grandparents' Celebration - Sara Barber - sfbarber@me.com
- Principal's report
 - Dr. Small would like to hold two school-wide dances a year - Fall and Spring
 - PTO has committee to assist in ticket sales, concessions and any other support as needed
 - First dance proposed for Friday, Oct 27 6:30-9:30
 - Ms. Wilson noted that Halloween Howl may reduce attendance
 - Theme idea is Neon with sales of glow sticks etc.
 - Morning News is up and running
 - PTO may utilize for announcements if properly coordinated
- Committee Reports
 - Annual Budget Proposal
 - Dr. Small reported that the PTO has \$7246.59 roll over from last year
 - The school will remove from PTO burden the following: Gold Cards, Some Supplies
 - Further budget discussion and approval tabled until October meeting
 - Fundraising
 - Box Tops campaign has been PTO's largest fundraiser, but still low
 - Ms. Bennitt suggested a class wide challenge (6th vs 7th vs 8th) to get teachers involved in supporting box tops campaign
 - "Break the code" fundraisers (pay to wear hoodies, hats etc) were suggested by Ms. Bennitt
 - Silent Auction Event - suggested by Ms. Jefferson-Yager

- Penny Wars - suggested by Ms. Snell
- Mr. Thompson noted that current online Spirit Sales support the school
- Looking for more ideas at next meeting
- Ms. Bennitt did not the four school-wide charity events for consideration when planning fundraising themes
 - UNICEF (October)
 - Food Drive (November)
 - Pennies for Patients (February)
 - Children's Book Drive (May)
- Teacher/Faculty Breakfast – Elizabeth Bussey
 - PTO will offer open invitation to all faculty and staff for all future PTO meeting
 - Mrs. Bussey reported September breakfast was postponed due to Hurricane Irma and an afternoon faculty cookie thank you was held on Thursday, September 21 after school.
 - Future breakfast appreciations will be held during faculty meetings (prior years were held after the meeting) at 8:15am (typically the 3rd Thursday of the month)
 - Next Faculty Breakfast is October 19th, setup 7:45-8:15am and cleanup 8:45-9:15am
 - Signup genius is used to get parent volunteers to donate food and setup/cleanup
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Historically, Raa has not followed National calendar
 - Plan follow National calendar this year May 7-11
 - Last year PTO established a binder with teacher questionnaires, located in office
- Birthdays
 - Mrs. Bussey graciously offered to coordinate
 - Mrs. Schneider suggested birthday cards and notes for faculty birthday
 - Current birthday list to be updated with help of Dr. Small and staff
- Grandparents' Celebration - Sara Barber chair - not present
 - AKA Grandfriends Day - to be reviewed
 - Typically breakfast in November
 - Several volunteers have reached out
 - To be reviewed and finalized at October meeting
- Fairs
 - PTO to help with judge appreciation
 - Mrs. Schneider to get with department heads to help coordinate food/setup
 - Fall Book Fair Oct. 23-27 - PTO has always helped with working the fair
 - Science Nov 9
 - History - TBA
- 8th Grade Events
 - Events to be coordinated by Ms. Jefferson-Yager
 - Breakfast vs picnic discussed - tabled until next month
 - Dance (date and committees) tabled until next month
 - Promotion Ceremony
 - Raa has not participated in any formal acknowledgement ceremony
 - Dr. Small is making this a priority, therefore, the PTO is supporting such event

- Discussion of potential trip in addition to DC that is more affordable
 - Ms. Bennitt noted that buses may be booked
 - Dr. Small noted that 8th grade team must coordinate
 - Ms. Jefferson-Yager will gather options for discussion in October
 - Rampage
 - This was not a huge success last year
 - This is on the agenda for a full overhaul for October meeting
 - Ms. Jenkins noted last year the Decent Pizza wanted to contribute
 - Ms. Bennitt noted that Levy Park Homeowners Association has reached out
 - PTO goals discussed
 - Establish Chairpeople
 - Teacher Involvement
 - Establish PTO Event Calendar
 - Included updates on Raa website
 - Capital Campaigns
 - Dr. Small noted that instruments, electronics are needed
 - He will work on a wish list
 - Make Raa a Success Story
 - Mr. Thompson reminded us to log volunteer hours in the front office
- October PTO meeting is October 16th, 6pm, Media Center
- All September attendees encouraged to bring another parent!
- Thank you and meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Minutes will be available for review and approval at the October meeting

Committees

Leadership Team

Kathy Schneider
You!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Valencia Jenkins (co-chair)
Joy Jefferson-Yager (co-chair)

Faculty Breakfast/Birthdays

Elizabeth Bussey (chair)

Fundraising

Chair needed

Community Outreach

Chair needed

School Fair Support

Chair needed

8th Grade Events

Joy Jefferson-Yager

Grandparents' Celebration

Sara Barber

Raa Rampage

Chair Needed (Kathy Schneider backup)

