

RVES PTA November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm via Zoom

Attendance : 27

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Mimi welcomed everyone and asked parents to introduce themselves in the chat and include their child's/children's name(s) and grade(s). Mimi also asked everyone to please refrain from naming specific students or teachers when raising concerns.
 - b. Ms. Bailey introduced herself as Acting Principal
 - c. Ms. Bailey introduced RVES Staff members present
 - i. Counselors
 1. Mary Davis (1,3,5 grades)
 2. Mary Kate Miller (K, 2, 4 grades)
 - ii. Ms. Solender, Kindergarten Teacher
 - iii. Maria Romero, Parent Community Coordinator
 - iv. Ms. Reichbart, 3rd grade teacher
 - v. Ms. Tyvae Helse, Assistant Principal
 - d. Mimi thanked Rosa Gutierrez, Lucia Salas, and Yasleivys Antunez who were critical in making the Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner Dance a huge success; approx 200 people in attendance.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October
 - a. Jeff Merrell moved to accept the minutes; Antonio second
 - b. Minutes were approved
3. Read-A-Thon Results
 - a. Committee Eshe Shaw, AJ Mora, Aime Keith
 - b. Eshe shared some did not get a chance to donate and that the online portion would remain open for more week;
 - c. Pizza Party Winners (based on class participation per grade)
 - i. Kindergarten - Ms. Solender
 - ii. 1st grade Taupenot
 - iii. 2nd grade Hornyak
 - iv. 3rd grade Bower
 - v. 4th/5th grades - Herman
 - vi. More than \$100
 1. MJ Cassesso
 2. Ivy Orta
 3. Ari Lebetsky
 4. Kaiza Shaw
 - vii. Raised as of today - \$8,410.40

- viii. Send out email with winners and money raised once the event is over.
4. Treasurer's Report. AJ provided the Treasurer's Report
 - a. The Read-A-Thon fell short of raising the amount it was budgeted to raise. It was budgeted to raise - \$13,000 based on previous years (\$12-14k).
 5. Learning Opportunity Topic - Bullying. Presented by Mary-Kate Miller and Mary Davis.
 - a. What is it?: Intentional and repeated (not rude or mean).
 - b. Types-words, physical, social (deliberate excluding someone) and cyberbullying.
 - c. Bullying is not-choosing not to play with friends, choosing not to be someone's friends but being respectful, accidents that may happen during physical sport.
 - d. Preventing bullying-counseling lessons (personal body safety), morning meet-up and community building, Town Halls 4th and 5th grades.
 - e. How bullying handled-investigate (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), follow-up with parents individually, possible safety plan, follow-up emotional support.
 - f. MCPS Bullying, Harassment or Intimidation Prevention.
 - g. Presentation slides can be found [here](#).
 6. RVES School Improvement Plan (SIP) 23-24 Presented by Olivia Bailey
 - a. Develop plan to support area of needs by collecting multiple pieces of data
 - b. School Focus: Emerging Multilingual Language Learners
 - i. Aiming to increase educational milestones for Literacy and Math (SMARTIE Goals)
 - ii. Providing access to students who need more support and growth by focusing on what school is doing to better prepare students.
 - c. Wellness Goals:
 - i. School attendance
 - ii. Social Emotional Well-being for all students
 - d. Khan: How can we support? Ms. Bailey reinforce to students re bullying; express self positively (ok to be upset but learn to manifest positively)

7. Words from RVES Administration:

Ms. Helse - Friday hosting Open House in the morning for families to come in and see students and teachers; 1st Town Hall with 5th Grade students-reset due to behavioral issues; want to make sure the event is fun and engaging with students; cultivate an environment as it relates to expected behavior.

8. RVES Speaks - Community

- a. Mimi explained that the PTA does not get involved in school personnel issues involving individual staff members. Those are Administration, human resources, and union matters. However, the PTA does and has advocated to the administration and MCPS leadership for full staffing, qualified hires, and for hires that reflect the diversity of our student demographics.
- b. Ms. Bailey invited people to bring someone with them to the next PTA meeting

- c. Mimi shared the Learning Opportunity for December's PTA meeting will focus on the Learning Center.
 - d. Mimi encouraged joining PTA
 - e. Mimi encouraged parents to volunteer with PTA.
 - f. AJ: Restaurant Week at Chipotle 11.14.2023 4 to 8 PM
 - g. AJ: Need two volunteers for Budget Review
 - i. Maddie Orange volunteered.
 - ii. Khanh Nguyen volunteered.
9. Adjourned at 8:18 PM.