

## RCMS PTA General Membership Regular Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 26, 2017	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 pm to 7:10 pm
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Nancy Linton, PTA President	<b>Location:</b>	RCMS Library
<b>Attendees:</b>	A total of 23 people in attendance, which included 19 PTA members and 4 non-members. Two of the non-members joined at the conclusion of the meeting. A complete attendance list is appended to the written record copy of minutes. The quorum was met.		
<b>Meeting Notice:</b>	Adequate notice was provided: It was advertised on the website and in PTA News You Choose.		
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<b>Welcome:</b>	Meeting was called to order by Nancy Linton.		
<b>Announcements:</b>  Nancy Linton PTA President	<p>Parent volunteers needed for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hearing screenings. Check News You Choose for additional information.</p> <p>Spirit Wear sales ended Oct. 6. Items will be delivered in November.</p> <p>PTA membership still available online at Pay4SchoolStuff. See the PTA website for details.</p> <p>Hospitality committee provides teacher and staff appreciation throughout the school year, including gift cards and treats. The committee needs gift card donations. See the PTA website for details.</p> <p>Please register your Giant and Harris Teeter loyalty cards and designate RCMS PTA so the PTA receives a portion of your spending at those stores.</p> <p>Magnets for sale at the meeting for \$5 each from the PTA Secretary.</p>		
<b>Principal's Report:</b>  Gordon Stokes RCMS Principal and Brenda Humphrey RCMS Counselor	<p>Cookie dough fundraiser: Thanks to all the volunteers.</p> <p>Upcoming dates handout provided. Note the student holidays on Nov. 6-7.</p> <p>Veteran's Day celebration on Nov. 9: PTA will provide refreshments to the 55 veterans and their family members who will visit student classrooms. There will be a musical performance from Navy ES. RCMS students will write thank you cards following the presentations.</p> <p>RCMS is considering opportunities for students to assist other RCMS students and families as well as the community with a food drive and possibly another project. PTA input and collaboration are welcome.</p> <p>RCMS committee on the 20-year celebration is meeting during the teacher work days and will present ideas to the PTA. PTA members interested in getting involved in 20-year celebration activities should contact the PTA President.</p>		

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<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Jennifer Condro 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade VP	<p>Treasurer Jennifer Lieberman prepared the treasurer report but was unable to attend the meeting. Contact her if you have additional questions on the report.</p> <p>The carryover funds increased by \$750 due to a check that was written last school year and voided this year. Membership revenue is higher than expected but donations are lower than expected. Spirit wear orders were more than expected.</p>
<b>Budget Updates:</b>	<p>Mr. Stokes researched a replacement for the gym wall and the cost is \$60,000 – too high for the PTA. A parent suggested a possible future dedicated fundraiser to replace the wall.</p> <p>Mr. Stokes and the PTA board will continue to research ideas for a PTA funded project for the school including possibly a track or microwaves in the cafeteria for student use at lunch.</p>
<b>Membership Report:</b> Amy Fujii Secretary	<p>Currently have a total of about 345 members. 20 staff members have joined the PTA. Teacher Meg Dombro was selected as the winner of the \$25 Amazon gift card.</p>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade VP's Report:</b> Caroline Anderson 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade VP	<p>Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Thanks to the coordinators for their hard work. Fundraiser raised more than \$11,000 (more than budgeted). All but two orders were picked up after school. The line to pick up immediately after school was long – PTA will work on that for next school year.</p>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade VP's Report:</b> Jennifer Condro 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade VP	<p>PTA has its own News You Choose email list. PTA members are automatically signed up it. All RCMS families are encouraged to sign up to receive the RCMS PTA emails.</p> <p>The RCMS PTA email will be sent weekly on Wednesdays. If you have anything you would like to include, please contact Jennifer Condro.</p>
<b>Additional Discussion:</b>	<p>A parent asked about parent conferences with teachers. Ms. Humphrey replied that parents should contact their students' school counselors to schedule a conference with teachers.</p> <p>A parent asked a question about PE attire for winter. Mr. Stokes said that students can wear their own sweatshirts and sweatpants to go outside for PE in cold weather. The PE department is also selling sweatpants and sweatshirts; Mr. Stokes will ask the PE chair to extend the ordering deadline.</p>
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p>Approval of the minutes from September meeting with no changes. Motion made, seconded, and concluded approved by PTA President.</p>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	<p>Following adjournment of the PTA General Membership Meeting, the PTA presented a guest speaker. Ann Dolin from Educational Connections, Inc.</p>

Prepared by: Amy Fujii, Secretary

**APPROVED ON 11/30/2017**