

RCV Minutes

1/2/19

APPROVED

Rachel (President) called the meeting to order at 7:03

Kate (Secretary) introduced the minutes from December. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, voted on and approved.

Ms. Carr gave the Principal's report. Since school just returned from break, there were not a lot of new developments. She explained that the students will be doing a lot of testing in the upcoming weeks, particularly grades K-2. The county is analyzing which literacy tests it will eventually rely on, so this year there will be extra testing as part of that analysis. She believes that next year will have less testing after this decision is made. Grades 3-5 will be on their normal testing schedule and there is ESOL testing as well. In other news, there is an upcoming cluster concert on January 8th and more details should be in the Sunday message.

Trisha (Treasurer) gave her report. The last month saw a fairly large receipts due to the BNSN fundraiser (total raised \$4936.90) and a Silver Diner check. Disbursements included a few donations and dance expenses.

Crystal (Social) informed the group that after-school activities are up and running. Yoga was unfortunately canceled for lack of participation.

Rachel mentioned a free upcoming Mental Health and Awareness Forum on January 12th from 1:00-5:00 at Wood Middle School.

The family dance is on January 18th. The theme is "winter dance" and all the classes are working on decorations. The 5th grade will be holding a bake sale. A SignUp Genius will be sent out for parent volunteers. SSL hours can also be earned by students.

The group discussed possible additions to the dance to encourage the kids to come and stay. Ideas such as a toboggan rental, an inflatable snow globe, a soft snowball fight and a photo booth were discussed. In addition, the group talked about possibly moving the dance back to the fall. One idea was to do a new exercise (Zumba) night in January so there would still be a PTA January activity.

There will be an in-school spelling bee on January 29th.

The group discussed eliminating the parent v. staff volleyball event and replacing it with a community service night, possibly with stations including various activities related to helping groups in the local area. One activity will probably be creating fleece blankets for Project Linus. A motion to make this change to the activity calendar was made, seconded, voted on and approved. The date will probably be February 21st.

Kara and Michelle (Fundraising) gave an update. The spring book fair will be held March 15th-March 22nd. The BNSN winning classes enjoyed their parties and the school-wide popcorn party will be held in conjunction with the distribution of the books that are coming from Scholastic.

There is an upcoming restaurant night at Ledo Pizza (Leisure World) on January 29th.

Rachel gave several updates regarding Cultural Arts. Author Mary Amato is again coming to visit grades 3-5 and will also be conducting her grade 4 writing workshop. An assembly with an African storyteller (for grades K-2) is pending. Reptile Wonders is visiting in March and an anti-bullying assembly is being planned for late April/early May.

A new garden will be underway here at RCV. It will probably be in an area by the gym with a good water source. MCPS does have rules about which plants should be included.

The Science Fair is still being planned. There was a discussion of trying to get more demonstrations and activities at the fair itself making it a little more like a STEM night. Several parents volunteered to be on a new committee that will work on expanding the fair and increasing the "hands-on" elements for anyone who wants to come that evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.