

## RCV PTA meeting minutes 11/5/19

### APPROVED

Rachel called the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone and moved to approved last months meeting minutes.

Mr. Burns shared that Ms. Roop (secretary) has moved to a different MCPS school. The new secretary is bilingual, but not Spanish and has not started yet.

MAP reports, which are held three times a year from grades 3-5 will be sent home on Friday, November 8. He explained the percentages are nationwide as well as county wide.

A question was raised about the school lockdown process, specifically, if parents get notified. Mr. Burns explained that parents will not get notification right away if the school is on lockdown as no communication can be sent out after they call 911. Once the threat is identified and the police give the clear, a notification will go out to parents. A shelter and lockdown are different, which causes some confusion to parents. These are determined by Montgomery County Police and schools are uniform with procedures and follow the same guidelines. RCV, as well as all Montgomery County Public schools practice drills. RCV practices drills several times a year.

PARCC test results came in the mail and a question was asked about what should be done with them. Mr. Burns said it is a data piece and shows how schools are doing with success. It's a formative to know what they want to focus on. Mr. Burns suggested keeping them. Maryland is now creating their own assessment as things are always changing. Vivian Byrd noted that these results can be found on the parent portal as well. If the parent portal login is unknown, the front office will provide them the correct information to login. It is a good tool to know where your child stands. It is updated in the middle of the quarter and again at the end of the year.

Trish Armstrong shared the book fair outcome. There was almost \$10k in gross sales. Family fun night raised \$790, but \$700 was spent so not much profit overall from this event. Buy Nothing, Sell Nothing has come to an end, but a final number hasn't been calculated yet. Also, unsure about a profit on the Spirit Wear to date. Currently, it is down 30 people from last year.

Rachel noted that grant requests need to be approved by Mr. Burns. Things need to be prioritized and will be brought up at the next meeting. Rachel said that electronics are not viable, but recess equipment might be a good option.

Michelle talked about fundraising. She said that Panera closed the weekend before the fundraising event that was scheduled for remodeling. This event will be rescheduled for some time in March. November 22 is the ice cream sundae date. Villa Maya's has a date of December 11.

Crystal said that the family dance voting closes on Friday, November 8. The choices are Rockstar, Hip Hop, Super Heros, Disney or Minecraft. As of now, Minecraft holds 50% of the votes.

Mr. Burns said that Thanksgiving pies should be brought to the front officer for staff giveaways. Every 30 minutes is pie time where a teacher gets to select a pie. Last year, everyone got to walk home with a pie. 65 pies were donated in 2018. Pies do not need to be homemade.

Canned food drive is running until the end of the second week in November. These donations go to local food banks. Ms. Davies organized it this year and Mr. Burns will obtain more information.