

Ramsey Magnet School of Science
PTO General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023

In attendance: Scottie Caten, Ericka Schindelbeck, Grace Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Stevens, Helen Hendricksen, Tom Kearns, Cathie Kearns, Holly Hampton, Rebekah Fairbanks, Aaron Florey, Andrea Parkinson, Carolyn Lee, Jacquie Mercer, Kathryn White, Kelli Alderman, Kim Jewett, James Lasso, Justin Minert, Borcha Emilia, Thrace Kelsick, Shannah Snell, Rachel Haublin, Steve Blee, Crystal Silvers, Austin Hoyer

Call to Order: 3:51 PM

- 1) New Co-President Introduction: Ericka Schindelbeck
- 2) Pledge led by Scottie Caten.
- 3) Co-Secretary Report: Scottie Caten
 - a) Open co-secretary position available.
 - b) Triple Play Fundraiser: November 10th 6:00- 9:00 pm. \$20 per wristband. Online pre-sales available with QR code on school posters and flyers coming home. New this year Triple Play is adding the Soaring Eagle Zip Ride & Hologate Virtual Reality to the list of activities available with wristband purchase.
- 4) Co-Treasurer Report: Ericka and Scottie (Amanada Torres could not make it to the meeting). Budget report was printed but forgotten in the office PTO box. Verbal update given to Ericka and Scottie from Amanda prior to the meeting stating EOY projected bank balance will be -\$5,000. That number will be re-evaluated after the current fundraiser ends. Other forms of income include the two Triple Play nights.
 - a) Last May PTO decided to fund the large greenhouse project that is being constructed at Ramsey to spend down the account so all money is being used rather than sitting in PTO account over the Summer.
- 5) Principal's Report: Crystal Silvers. Introduction and background to meeting attendees.
 - a) Fundraiser: raised \$26,996.00 so far, ends 10/31/23. Right now school at the 55% threshold for money earned back- must get to \$29,000.00 raised to make 60% of money raised back. Money not received back went to fundraiser fees + student gifts and rewards.
 - b) Greenhouse: Money secured from PTO at the end of last year. Coeur Group will help with construction and materials. Lowes may also be able to donate to greenhouse costs. Currently waiting to break ground. Delay due to city permits. Idea behind the greenhouse is to explore the science behind growing and learning healthy eating. The building will be large enough to fit an entire classroom. Would love to also install solar panels in the future. Ramsey also will fund greenhouse

costs using the "Science Cents" program where donors contribute to the school and school programs, and in return donors are recognized on school advertisements.

- c) Lockdown and fire drills were successful today.
- d) Parent-Teacher conferences coming up in November- look out for sign ups from teachers.
 - i) PTO will supply conference dinner for teachers staying late for conference on Thursday November 16. Theme is soup and sandwiches. PTO will need volunteers to help set up at the beginning of the evening and clean up at the end of evening.
- 6) Title Program Review: Carolyn Lee, title teacher. Program would like to include parents' ideas on how the title money received should be spent. Also welcoming ideas for students who are struggling (supplies, etc). The Title program currently funds 6 aides to help identified struggling Ramsey students in math and reading.
 - a) Kids are identified as struggling, and thus a candidate for the title program, through school assessments completed in math and reading, grades K-5.
- 7) Chartering Cub Scouts Pack 3: to approve continued use of Ramsey as a sponsoring organization. General vote held- all approve to recharter Cub Scout Pack 3, none opposed. Motion passes.
- 8) February Fundraiser Event: North Idaho Rocks. There is an opportunity to bring North Idaho Rocks into the school on an evening in February for little to no cost to the school as a possible fundraising event for Ramsey. Event will require a great number of volunteers. Event will need school/ gym access outside of school hours. General vote held to see if PTO members support exploring this option for a February fundraiser further: all approve, none opposed. Motion passes and PTO will further explore this option.
- 9) PTO Open Positions: 1 co-president, 1 co-treasurer, 1 co-secretary.
 - a) Crystal Silvers nominated Justin [REDACTED]. Minert for the remaining co-treasurer position. Steve Blee seconds. All approve, none oppose. Motion passes. Justin [REDACTED]. Minert is approved as Ramsey Magnet School of Science co-treasurer, effective immediately, for a two-year term, the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.
 - i) Justin [REDACTED]. Minert will be added to the [REDACTED] Bank account, account # [REDACTED], as co-treasurer, effective immediately.
 - ii) Amanda [REDACTED]. Torres will remain on the [REDACTED] Bank account, account # [REDACTED], as co-treasurer.
 - iii) Ericka [REDACTED]. Schindelbeck will remain on the [REDACTED] Bank account, account # [REDACTED], as co-president.
 - iv) Current Co-president signature (Ericka [REDACTED]. Schindlebeck):

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vi) Current Co-treasurer signature (Amanda [REDACTED]. Torres):

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viii) New Co-Treasurer signature (Justin [REDACTED]. Minert):

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- b) General vote held to add in additional positions to help lighten the workload of PTO members. All approve, none opposed. Motion passes to have the PTO board members begin work on adding new positions to PTO as opportunities arise and they see fit. Open positions to be discussed during meetings.
- 10) Mascot: Ericka Schindelbeck discussed purchasing a new mascot costume for the school. Costume on Amazon retails for approximately \$430. Idea tabled until a more clear financial picture is available after the currently running fundraiser is complete.
- 11) Social Media: Should the school and PTO have a separate page on Facebook. General consensus is to keep the PTO page open for select front office staff to post to but to move the current Facebook from a community page to its own private account. The new FB account can be linked to the current PTO Instagram account. General vote held to see if creating a new Facebook page is supported: all approve, none opposed, motion passes.
- 12) Old PTO Meeting Minute Files. General vote to shred old files: all approve, none opposed. Files will be shredded.
- 13) Door Prize: should PTO eliminate the door prize. General vote held: no consensus therefore motion does not pass and door prizes will continue to be awarded at PTO meetings.
- 14) May PTO General Meeting Minutes reviewed. Scottie Caten moved to approve 5.24.23 and 10.12.23 meeting minutes. Ericka Schindelbeck seconds. All approve, none opposed.
- 15) Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 3:45 PM.
- 16) Door Prize: Grace Kirkpatrick.
- 17) Teacher Prize: Mrs. Gabbert.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:47 PM