

RPES PTA
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

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6PM Meeting called to order by Jillian Manupella

Treasurer's Report

Custodian Holiday gifts totaled \$123.11. Next year the budget will increase to \$150 to cover expenses. The Holiday shop made over \$1000. There was lower than anticipated attendance at the Witner Dance, but the event still made a profit of \$130. Funds are still available from the first quarter Behavior Assembly category.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Gregoire.

Secretary's Report—Elaine Garrett

Motion to approve December minutes by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Gregoire.

Principal's Report—Mr. Hopkins

Welcome back from holiday break! December's Attendance Initiative (Shrek at KMS) was a big hit, despite the cold walk over there. January's planned event is a Minute to Win it style game show event. Family Tang Math Night will be Wednesday, January 29th and a way to help parents teach math concepts to their children. It's a grant funded event, and the students will rotate through stations with math games. The event will conclude with time for the parents to ask the math teachers any questions they may have about the curriculum, iReady diagnostics, or material asked on the State math exams. The 2nd quarter ends on January 17th. The month's Character Assembly theme is Self-Control and identifying proper situational responses. The Jitterbug Tussle is Thursday January 30th and hosted by Ms. France and Mr. Williams.

3rd Grade Report—Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Testo, Mr. White

The students have had a good transition back from vacation. The RPI basketball team went to all grades to visit as guest readers. There are no curriculum updates since December's meeting. The principals have done a great job at setting the tone and expectations for transitions and corridor behavior.

4th Grade Report—Mr. Allen

In math the students are working on division and in science they are learning characteristics of plants and animals. In ELA they are moving from fiction into nonfiction and author's purpose. In writing the students are learning how to research and write an informational article. Any topic other than celebrities is allowed, and they will visit the Kindergarten and first grade classes at TES to present their research and slides. In social Studies they are shifting from Native American history into Explorers. The NYS Cookie activity planning has begun. Mr. Allen is trying to figure out a good source for a bakery able to make the 200 almost 8x10" sized cookies. He has one cookie cutter. We suggested perhaps 3D printing additional cookie cutters and suggested various bakeries (Bella Napoli, Schuyler, etc) that might be able to produce the cookies at a reasonable cost.

5th Grade Report—Mr. Gregoire

In science the students are studying about Earth's atmosphere. Mr. Roman and Ms Simson's classes are learning about human rights and issues via the book "Long Walk to Water" and about charitable initiatives to provide fresh water for communities in need. In Math, the students will wrap up division and move into fractions. Ms. Usher's class took part in a 100k birthday card drive to a 100 year old veteran in Texas, and they received a thank you back. The 5th grade is working on confirming dates for the end of the year activities.

Old Business—covered in Treasurer's Report

New Business—Jillian Manupella

Guptill's Roller Skate tickets will be available until Friday—sale extended. They will not be available at the discount rate at the door. Any additional nominations for Founder's Day will be needed by next Thursday Jan 16th and the Council will vote that Friday. Teachers and Community Members are eligible for nomination. Founder's Day will be 2/28 at Parti and it is island themed. The Auction will be March 13th, moved to accommodate Wonka opening night. Baskets are requested by team and grade, and the classes whose baskets receive the most tickets will earn a pizza party.

Meeting Adjourned 6:20 by Jillian Manupella