

Rensselaer Park PTA
April 2022 Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022
6pm via Google Meet

Present:

Julie Allen, Pete Allen, Terri Sanderson, Emilie Johnson, Erica Davis, Katie Baril, Leo Breton, Katie Stalker, Melissa Santarcangelo, Tracy Krom, Rob White, Kimberly Ellison, Deyva Arthur, Danielle Jobin, Delmarie Moore, Michelle McMahon, Adam Gregoire, Jamie Cavanaugh, and Sara Plummer

Call to order at 6PM by Julie Allen

Treasurer's Report—Terri Sanderson

It was a quiet month. Balance began at \$6,445.37, with \$1,335.51 for Bowling Knight, a Knight to Remember Dance, and dividend added. Expenses were \$3,008.98 for Bowling Knight supplies, A Knight to Remember dance supplies, Lansingburgh PTA Council, and refund for dance. Ending balance is \$4,771.90

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Pete Allen, seconded by Adam Gregorie.

Secretary's Report— No one to give Secretary report

Principal's Report—Katie Stalker

Kudos to the PTA for bowling and dance night events. It was a beautiful night and it was great seeing all the kids dressed up. You could tell they all had a great time. Thank you for the free books at the book fair, it was great seeing the kids' reading their books in the hallway. The capital improvement meeting will be in the art room. ELA testing went well, the second day was a long day for the students. There were only two refusals for no testing. Literacy night is tomorrow!! Thank you to the parents. The Mary Fund was a great event, many of the Rensselaer Park Staff attended! Thank you to the Brentons for a wonderful event. Just run is coming up, which will be a fun event for the students. Wrestling just wrapped up and the students enjoyed it. Congrats to the Odyssey of the Mind teams! March 17th was a half day for professional development. Joe Otter, calming corner walk through – materials supplied by the Mary Fund.

Self-Contained Classes Report—Katie Baril

Mrs. Baril's Class—Spring weather, working on learning symbols for spring. Learning measurements, self-control, and positive choices.

Mrs. Conroy's Class—Working on our personal narratives, lucky, kind, ouch story, Earth day posters, We are working on math facts, trying to beat scores.

Ms. Wild's Class—We are working on our self-control; identifying how we feel and why. We are learning the different types of matter in science, and experimented by making root beer floats.

3rd Grade Report

There was no one to give 3rd grade report.

4th Grade Report—Pete Allen

In reading we are learning about identifying the theme. In math we are learning about geometry, using protractors and starting fractions. The 4th grade field trip will be at Howe Caverns in May. Permissions slips will be going out soon.

5th Grade Report—Rob White and Adam Gregoire

Thank you Mr. Gregoire for incredible job with wrestling club. Deep into themes, state testing, writing mini unit. April is national poetry month. Math, we are coming up on the state test. We are doing lightning units (week long unit) conversions, geometry, and measurement with line plots. Cutting science time because of the state test coming up. Preparing them for the state test since they haven't seen the extent of one. Learning how to do bubble sheets, how to break down problems, and using strategy. Trying to keep it as fun as possible even though it is test prep. In science we are learning about force spheres unit- geosphere, atmosphere, biosphere and how they interact. Coming up on Earth Day human impact, our environmental footprint. Thank you to Rob for helping with wrestling club. Thank you to Mrs. Stalker for getting the mats for wrestling club. The parent night was super successful. They learned lots of discipline, learned from their mistakes, and were out of their comfort zone. Having some girl wrestlers was awesome, trying to get more girl wrestlers! Next week will be talking about end of the year 5th grade activities. We will be going to the Great Escape June 3rd. Week after break information will be going out to parents, money due May 11th. Picnic and dance outside. We are thinking of have ice cream truck and inflatable obstacle course. We will use 5th grade money raised from haunted house for some of these costs. We will be thinking about moving up ceremony and what it will look like this year with covid restrictions. Get through the math tests and make the end of the year special for the 5th graders.

Old Business—Julie Allen

Start off with bowling night. First night was self-contained and 3rd grade. Second night was the 4th and 5th graders. We had a total of about 80 people. We had pizza, dessert table, and raffle. People at Hilltop were amazing. We all enjoyed ourselves. At the dance we had only 2 PTA officers because 3 of the officers had the Odyssey competition in Syracuse. Thank you to all RPES Staff and teachers all stepped up to help with food, desserts, arts and crafts. There were 175 in attendance! DJ Tyler came back! All the girls in their dresses were beautiful, it looked like a prom! They all had a great time. Great to see things were back to normal! Spirit wear we will have within the next week. Original art works was sent 2 days ago. Should have back by May, The 3rd graders did Sunflowers, 4th graders did Birch Trees, and the 5th graders did a Winter Scene. Mrs. Greene is incredible at what she does!!! Burgh-Opoly is back and doing great! We have sold 117 games. They are on sale Jimmy's and Testos. We will be having pop up sales. Will be available at the auction. We will have district email for staff that wants to purchase and flyer to school.

New Business—Julie Allen

The book fair started today and will be ending tomorrow night at the PARP event. We are giving free books to all students who will not be purchasing. Every student will be getting a book!!! The Silent Auction is Wednesday the 13th at 4-6:30. We will be drawing tickets at 6:30. Spirit Day is the same day as the auction. Year book order forms went out. Chalk the walk is coming up May 6th. If you RSVP, you will get free pizza and water. This was a great event last year. Founders Day is May 13th, at vets club, nominations are due April 8. The PTA will be paying for 4th grade field trip and discussed with Adam about and 5th Grade field trip. We will be discussing the 3rd grade. Mr. Gregorie is doing the ABC Countdown for 5th grade, but can make one up for the whole school. Adam Gregoire will discuss with Julie. Teacher appreciation lunch will be in the faculty room. They will be able to come down whenever their lunch is.

Mrs. Ellison—Thank you to the PTA for buying free books. It was heartwarming to see kids with books and reading. We are building readers! It takes a village to build readers.

Deyva Arthur—Book fair and PARP have been great. Not looking forward to ending. Sorry I don't know where to sign up to volunteer for book fair. (Julie- "Officers are helping with book fair"). Question/thought about great escape. Can we have scholarships for families who cannot afford, so nobody misses out? (Adam- "PTA, Brenton's, Teachers will help, that way no one stays behind due to money"). Teachers pay for way too much already, if anyone wants to post on Facebook to help pay. Reminder about the Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00 at the Knickerbocker Park on April 15th

Daniele Jobin—Can season passes be used to help for students? (Adam- it was an issue prior because kids would forget their passes)

The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at 5:30 to accommodate for family advisory meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Pete Allen, seconded by Adam Gregoire.

Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm.