

## Raymond PTO Meeting Notes for 1/9/24

Attendees: Jess Carmin, Laura Hutchins, Cecily Blankenship, Missy Hartwell, Elena King

- Treasurer- Der Dutchman fundraiser \$22,226.58, Honor Flight \$ Raised \$207.98, Kroger Funds raised \$1872.79. Snacks with Santa \$3364.00, School Supply kits +21, Zoo Cost \$800, Fall Fest \$158, Clinic Costs \$13, Snacks with Santa \$636.
- Principal Updates
  - Grant received for Mental Health
    - \$3,000 donated for a sensory room
    - Crash pad
    - Trampoline
    - Sensory items
  - Zones of regulation
    - More information to come out to parents through literature
    - Student emotion regulation
      - Striving for green zone
    - Weekly lessons for students will be implemented
      - First lesson will be completed by this Friday (1/12)
    - Mill Valley and Northwood are both utilizing this approach
  - Family literacy- One school one book
    - Looking to maybe have a literacy night with additional information
      - Theme will be picked by the committee (teachers)
        - Erica will get back with us with how the PTO can help
      - Different classrooms will have a set thing to review and work on
      - February 29<sup>th</sup>—book reveal/lit night together
    - March 4<sup>th</sup> is the date set as of now- scholastic money is utilized to purchase these
      - 1 book per family and then each teacher gets one as well
- Old Business- Snacks with Santa
  - Electronic form of payment- Square/Stripe/Zelle
    - Phone number has become an issue when setting up
  - More communication about food truck (if this is an option in the future)
  - Microphone situation to announce the auction/raffle names
- New Business
  - Read A Thon Kick Off
    - Launched 1/8- ends 2/12
    - How to video is on website
    - 253 students have signed in but not from the parent side
    - \$280 pledged as of 1/9
    - 4,859 mins logged so far (out of the 22,000)
      - Default is 150 mins a night (used to be 300 mins)

- Lexia is linked to the mins being logged- Missy is going to reach out to vendor to see how to fix this
  - Incentives
    - Drawing for gift cards
    - Bookmark rewards
    - 80,000 mins- minute to win it assembly
    - Top 5 from each grade will have a pizza party with Erica
    - Top grade will get popsicle party
    - Top reading class will get popsicle party
    - See Missy for the remainder incentive list
  - Movie Night
    - Movie selection- need to provide Erica a list of options and 4<sup>th</sup> grade votes
    - 1 ½ limit to the movie
      - Planet 51
      - Super Mario Brothers 2
      - TNMT
      - The Bad Guys
      - Despicable Me
    - Played by a DVD player
    - Jess reaching out to Tim Schott for popcorn
    - Pre purchase pizzas was an option last year
    - Popcorn/water was available at no cost
    - No refunds provided (mention this on flyer)
    - Open doors at 6 and movie starts at 6:30
  - Spring Flowers
    - March 5<sup>th</sup> start date
  - Glow Dance
    - May 3<sup>rd</sup> (moving from the original date of March)- 6-7:30 PM?
    - Food truck?
    - Art work could be integrated
    - Classes could start the list of songs
- Open Discussion
  - Conference meals- Elena working on those (2/7 & 2/13)
    - Food trucks for parents
  - Stock the lounge
    - Grab and go items are needed- chips, granola bars, drink mixes
    - \$600 left in the budget for this
  - Chicken eggs for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- PTO voted Yes
  - Sheriff- at this time we don't have one due to staff shortage
  - Playground Upgrade- too cold and will be coming in April/May