



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACADEMY OF EVERGREEN PTO MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022, 4:00 pm

Ms. Tapp's Classroom (main building, upper floor, last door on the left)

4:00-4:05p Call to Order: Welcome/Introductions (Kate/Valerie)

4:05-4:15p Administrative Report (Dr. Hudson/Anna)

- **Den-** It's looking great! They are hooking up the gas today and the electric next week. The sewer will go in as soon as the ground thaws. The Den will not be complete in time for the Talent show so it will be pushed back to Fall.
- **STEM Labs-** 7 teachers on the committee are brainstorming ideas. There will be extra space for it next year.
- **CMASS-** Testing will begin Tuesday after Spring Break. There will be 3 math and 3 reading sessions. The Middle School will have science too. 1 session/day. There was an attendance drop of 6% last year. This affects the time of direct instruction. We will be able to compare the data to see the actual effect of Covid.
- **Enrollment-** 380 enrolled which is a 97% re-tuition rate. The goal is 385. Jeffco enrollment has been declining overall whereas RMAE has flatlined. This is due to surrounding districts increasing schools as well as a shift to homeschooling.

4:15-4:20p RMAE Board of Directors Report (Kjersten)

- Board Elections will be held in May. They need one community member who is not a current family to be appointed to the board.

4:20-4:45p Officer Reports

President (Kate/Valerie)

- **2022-23 Elections-** Next month we will be collecting nominations. Current Board members must be re-elected for up to 3 terms. We are currently looking for a Chair to run the nominations. The nominations will be announced at the next meeting.
- **AtoZ Lunch Committee** has been formed to explore lunch options for next year.
- **New Fundraiser-** Kelly Anderson: Boone has taken over the Evergreen Music Festival (6/25) and would like to get RMAE involved.
- **End of Year Celebration-** Email will be sent out after Spring Break asking parents to sign up to volunteer.

Secretary (Erin M.)

- Approval of February Meeting Minutes ([February Meeting Minutes](#))
- Jill motioned to approve, approved.

Treasurer (Tom)

- Summary of Funds
- Young Ameritown- No final bill received yet. We will ask Deb if the bill will go directly to PTO.
- 3D Printer will be set up on Monday!
- Tom's daughter suggested that we change the school mascot from Grizzlies to ELK- E for Education, L for Learning and K for Kindness.
- Teacher Appreciation Budget TBD



- Tom will not be returning as Treasurer next year.
- **Marquee Update (Dr. Hudson)**- Vendors came out to look at campus and explained that the purpose of a marquee is to let non school related people see what's going on at the school. There is no location on campus that would offer exposure to passers by. As such, it would not be the best use of funds. Dr. Hudson suggested a STEM Lab as a better use of the money. It would serve as a place to work on projects in progress as well as a place to display completed work. A vote on STEM Lab allocation of funds will take place at next month's meeting. A suggestion for the usefulness of the old marquee is to put a message that says "If you read this please text ###-###-####".
- (Jay Fox donated the screen from Warren Miller Event)
- (There is now electricity in the field.)

Dir. of Community Events (Kate/Valerie)

- **Book Swap (March 17&18) Kim Halligan**- Lots of books have already been received. Kids who did not bring in a book will still receive one ticket. Teachers are sending back books that are not age appropriate.
- **Talent Show** will be moved to the Fall.

Dir. of Fundraising (Cody)

- **Movies with Teachers (4/19)**- 30 students is too many, next time we will limit each movie to 25. There also needs to be 2 volunteers per classroom. Teachers and volunteers have to be strict with snacks. Going forward all snacks will be GF. Only one student at a time to leave the classroom for bathroom breaks. Students will fill their water bottles before the movie begins. We may have to find an alternative to the Pick My Kid app for pickup. Nicole and Katy will not be returning as Chairs next year.
- **Food Fundraisers**- We still have not received money back from Slifes. Still not sure if Beau Jo's will be sending a check directly to the school or how much it will be for.

Dir. of Communications (Jill)

- February Volunteer Hours: 261.5
- January Volunteer Hours Raffle Winner: Mark Edmonds

4:45-4:55p

Old Business

- None

4:55-5:00p

New Business/Open Forum

- **Spiritwear (Valerie)**- Valerie found a new vendor. They can embroider athletic material for polos. They offer free shipping so parents can order directly from them. If families order directly from them the PTO will not receive a check, but will get gift cards for teachers' sweatshirts OR we can order in bulk and make a profit, but that is a lot of work for whoever is running Spiritwear. (Direct online purchase \$17 vs bulk \$11) They offer Y XS-3XL. They offer a \$1,000 signing bonus. The previous vendor was 8-10 weeks out which means inventory cannot be ondemand.
- **Student Council Carnival (Dr. Hudson)**- Dr. Hudson gave a shout out to the student council. The carnival has been 100% planned and run by them. Dr.Hudson spent 2 periods guiding the students. They



were super excited and wanted to do something for the younger students. They are planning simple games and popping popcorn.

- **Next PTO Meeting: 4/14, 4:00pm**

Adjournment 5:00pm