

Richland Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2019

Attendees:

Gene Nicastro

Amy Tannert

Nicole Cugliari

Rene Hoy

Amber Louis

Kristy Ryer

Jeanne Nindl

Diane White

I. Call to Order

Opening Statement- Amber Louis

II. Review & Approve December minutes

December 5, 2018 minutes approved by Amy Tannert and Kristy Ryer

III. Principal's Update- Dr. Gene Nicastro

- PSSA Testing Windows
 - Taking place right after Spring Break
 - Administered in the mornings
 - 'Take Your Child To Work' Day falls during PSSA week
 1. Will not test on this day
- Make-Up Days
 - School will now be in session for students on March 25 & 26
- Staff Recognition Award
 - Kathy Giegel is the 2nd quarter winner
 - Awarded with traveling oar trophy and gift card
- Dr. Nicastro's Twitter Page
 - New account started to provide updates for Richland Elementary
 - Follow account @Richland_PRSD
- STEAM Video
 - Shown at meeting
 - Interviews with teachers and students
 - PROF held their monthly board meeting in our STEAM Lab

IV. Old Business

- Holiday Shop was successful
- 100th Day of School Food Drive
 - Hard timing with school cancellations that week
 - Collected 442 canned good items to donate
- Family Movie Night
 - Speaking with tech team to improve streaming
 - Family Movie Night also coincided with our School Spirit Day (Pajama Day)
- Staff Recognition Award
 - Overwhelming votes for Mrs. Giegel

- Box Tops
 - Wrapping up now, due at the end of the week
- Father/Daughter Dance
 - Fantastic Turnout
 - DJ was really engaging
 - Event was very well planned
 - Timing of event worked out great
 - Next year looking at increasing admission price
- School Start Times Approved
 - End times were not announced yet
 - Bus inconsistencies were discussed

V. New Business

- Read Across America Week is coming up
 - 'Caught You Reading' photos can be submitted for board
 - Spirit Days will be March 4-8
- Spring After School Programs
 - CDG Sports and Dots & Doodles
 - Deadline to register is today
- Spring Spirit Wear
 - Will run March 4-15th
 - Partnering with Awards & More
- Book Fair/ Open House
 - Book Fair will run week of March 4th
 - Open Houses will take place March 5th & March 7th
- 3rd Grade Mixer
 - In the works, more information to come
- Read to Feed
 - Coincides with Read Across America
 - Packets will go out to students next Friday
- Family Fun Night
 - Scheduled for March 29th
 - Decided to schedule later this year so Food Trucks can be utilized
 - Other highlights planned include Sing, Sing, Sing, CDG, Balloon Artists, games and more!
- Chick Fil A
 - PTO is collecting receipts from Cranberry or Wexford locations
 - 20% of totals can be used towards future catering orders

VI. Adjourn

- Please join us for our next PTO meeting in March!