

RMS PTA: Community, Communication, and Appreciation for ALL Richards Middle School Staff, Students & Families

PTA Team Meeting #1, via Zoom, August 13, 2024

In Attendance: Amanda Bierman, Angela Wells, Ann Roberts, Emily Moore, Richa Dixit, Ruth White

1. **Open House 8/29/24 5:30-7:30pm:** It was decided that we will arrive at 4:30, pending set up after school, given the early crowd last year (5pm Title 1 Meeting). The PTA will request two tables: One to sell merchandise and one to distribute items pre-purchased by 8/25. We will close the online store on 8/25, until a Post-Open House inventory has been completed. Many volunteers are needed; recruit those who do not wish to visit their students' classes.
2. **6th Grade Social & 7th/8th Dance:** The PTA Team appreciates the concept of these events but agreed there is not enough time to plan/secure supplies and chaperones for events this month. We would like to host similar events later in the year and plan in Spring for August 2025 events.
3. **Talent Show/Arts Exhibition:** In collaboration with several Electives teachers, we will form a committee to begin coordinating a Talent Show. Sally Baker (RMS parent), Amanda Bierman and Emily Moore volunteered.
4. **Spirit Nights:** Jamie Battle & Min Hae Hernandez have agreed to continue their planning roles for SY 24-25. The Team agreed a variety of events (ie activities and food) are preferable, as well as varied locations around town. We would like to retain the 1st Thursday of the month as our target date. Skyzone was suggested.
5. **Spirit Gear:** A2 has endured numerous delays since July; however, final proofs and pricing are now available on our website.
6. **Membership:** Current membership, as of 8/13/24, is 131, including 6 faculty. It was decided that we will offer a Coffee/Tea Bar for staff, if we reach 50% participation (SY 23-24 we had 23/75). The PTA would like to provide popsicles during lunch for all students, if/when we reach 300 members (SY23-24 total was 223).
7. **Fundraising:** A question was raised about donations; they may be made via TOTEM site and checks are accepted. Kona Ice: PTA hosted KI one time in SY 23-24, yielding high profit. Question was asked why PBIS now hosts. PBIS is a District mandated program without funding. In lieu of PTA funding PBIS celebrations, this allows PBIS Committee to secure necessary funds.
8. **Hospitality:** Emily Moore will check on the Zen Room coffee situation and create a Sign Up, if needed, for replenishing supplies. Snacks were provided for staff on the 1st day, to compliment the breakfast provided by our PIE CWW. Coffee & Donuts will be provided the morning after Open House to thank staff for their extended hours. The PTA will continue to provide cake, napkins, plates & forks for Principal's List recipients; PBIS will be rewarding Honor Roll recipients with points.
9. **Student Recognition:** New stock of SOTM magnets have been ordered to cover SY 24-25 & 25-26.

10. **Meeting Schedule:** Angela Wells will reach out to Dr. Wizzard to inquire on availability of quarterly Leadership Luncheons for the PTA & RMS Admin Team. Pending Fall Athletics try-outs, a full school Zoom meeting will be scheduled.
11. **Misc:** Richa Dixit inquired on EOY Budget, which Ann provided. TOTEM payment for SY 23-24 has cleared. Current bank statement was shared. Amanda Bierman, Ruth White, and Richa Dixit will represent RMS at the Muscogee County Council of PTA meeting on 8/17/24 at 9am.