



Ronald Thornton Middle School PTO Board

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM

Those present were as follows:

- Betsy George - President
- Ashley Luker (not present) - Parliamentarian
- Amanda Walker - Recording Secretary
- Irma Soledad - Treasurer
- Emily Calbert – 1st VP
- Laura Rodriguez & Kharla Kendall - 2nd VP
- Olivia Hughes & Lauren Records (not present) – VIPS Coordinator
- Kristin Wernecke & Erica Lee– Staff Appreciation
- Elizabeth Bartee (not present) & Cristina Wheeler (not present) - Publicity
- Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons – At-Large
- Kate Kargbo – Principal
- Rubi Reyes-Fuentes (not present) - Membership

Principal's Update – Kate Kargbo

- JotForm needed for Student ID badge notifications. Requests to use Principal's Choice for JotForm subscription. A year license is less than \$300. Emily moved to approve request, Olivia seconded. Approved.
- In course selection right now, planning for next year.
- 5th grade visits and course selection nights have already happened.
- Master schedule and hiring will be the next planning phase after course selection.
- Projected at 1,847 students for next year.
- New middle school 16 opens in 2026.
- MAP testing right now.
- New teachers starting, 6th grade math, 7th grade math, Set on teachers for the rest of the year.

President Update – Betsy George

- No big update for Thundergames yet.
- Career Day
 - Need help day of for Career Day – 8am to 2pm, wear PTO Shirt

- Amanda to send Kate email with links for one final push.

Parliamentarian Update – Ashley Luker (not present)

- Ashley is now on staff.
- Ashley Luker has taken a job at the school. Betsy suggested Emily Calbert. Jennifer Gibbons moved to approve Emily as the transitional Parliamentarian. Kharla Kendall seconded. Approved.

Secretary – Amanda Walker

- December minutes were shared via GroupMe chat.
- Amanda Walker moved to approve the December Meeting Minutes. Emily Calbert seconded. Approved.

1st VP – Emily Calbert

- 7th grade social is going well – Winter Wonderland on February 27th from 6pm to 8pm.
- Sign Up Geniuses will be sent out around February 1st. Holding off on sign up's until after Career Day.

2nd VP – Laura Rodriguez (not present) & Kharla Kendall

- No Spirit Wear income is \$434 for the whole fall. We need to update the budget for next school year to reduce the expected income from Spirit Wear next year.
- Advertise Spirit Wear to 5th grade parents during their parent night.
- Spirit Night on February 4th is at Ramble Creek.
- Also talking to Sushi Monster and Stomps. Hoping for Torchy's in the spring.
- Kendra Scott tentatively planned for May Spirit Event.

Treasurer – Irma Soledad

- Irma Soledad made a motion to approve the December financials. Olivia Hughes seconded. Approved.

VIPS Coordinators – Olivia Hughes & Lauren Records (not present)

- There will be a sign up genius for volunteers for Career Day. Remind people that there is a script for mock interviews.

Staff Appreciation – Kristin Wernecke & Erica Lee

- No January event.
- Thundercats have heart month in February. February there is a staff development day on Valentine's Day. Possibly do a stock the lounge the night before (February 13th). Will discuss more details, may do something earlier in the week. There is also a super bowl potluck on the 7th. Could also do the week after Valentine's.

Publicity update – Elizabeth Bartee (not present) & Cristina Wheeler (not present)

- Need to send another push for Career Day.

Membership Update – Rubi Ryes-Fuentez (not present)

- No updates.

At Large Update – Veronica Miles & Jennifer Gibbons

- Two teacher grants currently awaiting approval.
- Coach Barger is requesting \$210 for 8 \$20 Academy gift cards for a raffle for the staff's 8 week fitness challenge. Is PTO allowed to purchase gift cards? Go back to Barger to let her know this can come from another budget line item, not teacher grants, and ask her to come up with specific prizes instead of gift cards. Consider taking from "Clubs" budget line item.
- Heather Lovell, requesting \$500 for general classroom consumable supplies and lab supplies. Kargbo has some of these supplies on hand and she can pull from there. Not approved right now. Consider having lead 7th grade science teacher request specific lab items needed for the whole grade.

Additional Motions

- No additional motions made.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am

Next Meeting: Friday, February 21st at 10am.

Summary of Motions

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- Motion made by Jennifer Gibbons and seconded by to approve Emily Calbert as the transitional Parliamentarian to replace Ashley Luker who is now on staff. Kharla Kendall seconded. Motion was approved.
- Motion made by Amanda Walker and seconded by Emily Calbert to approve the December Meeting Minutes. Motion was approved.
- Motion made by Irma Soledad and seconded by Olivia Hughes to approve the December financials. Motion was approved.



Amanda Walker
Ronald Thornton Middle School
PTO Secretary

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Date