



MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 8:45am
- Motion to approve Minutes from 3/5/24. Motion approved.

D90 Administration Report: Diane Wood on behalf of Dr. Condon

- **Committee of the Whole Meeting:** 4/2. Meeting topics will include: Comparing data, growth & comparable school districts, vertical math alignment with OPRF, and e-learning for snow days vs. a return to traditional snow days.

Principal's Report: Diane Wood

- **D90 Young Author's Conference:** 4/3. An author will give a presentation & winners will be announced.
- **IAR Testing: 3rd & 4th grades**
 - Please check emails and newsletters for specific testing schedules.
 - How to help? Tell kids that you believe in them and that they're good thinkers.
 - Prioritize good rest and send healthy food for lunch & snacks.
 - Teachers will build in breaks & recess
- **Fall Registration:** Now open
 - Please register early, especially if you have a Kindergarten student. This will help ensure balanced class sizes and communities.
- **Important Dates/Events:**
 - **Big Hearts, Little Hands/ Early Dismissal:** April 26th
 - **OPRF Parent University w/ Devorah Heitner:** April 10th
 - **West Suburban Art Show:** April 27th
 - **Kindergarten Meet Day:** April 26th in the afternoon. Kids get to experience the classroom, but must be registered to participate. PTO recruiters will be there.
 - **Solar Eclipse** April 8th. D90 will have solar eclipse glasses for everyone.
 - **Spring Quarter:** 47 days of school left! It can be a busy time of year. Please try to help kids stay balanced through the end of the year, even with so much

excitement. Take a breath and be mindful. Pay attention to the Wizard Weekly or subscribe now!

Presidents' Report: Megan Seliga

- Thanks to the Nominating Committee. We're still looking for a few roles, but you've done a fabulous job.
- **Teacher Grant Requests:** Grants have been evaluated and granted. We granted \$10,000 in requests - big things across grade level teams. The Wizard Weekly will include examples of what was granted.
- We have a lot of PTO activities coming up!

Treasurer's Report: Emily Nash

- Grants are getting fulfilled.
- We're in a good position financially.

VP-Volunteers Report: Rachel Dardis

- **Class Party Favors:** A meeting was held between the Volunteers Committee, Megan, and Camille to discuss a policy regarding party favors at class parties. Lincoln has a no favor rule, so we discussed whether we should do the same. Jury is currently out. Camille McLamb: I think we should keep them. There are already so many restrictions around these parties. Rather than eliminating, maybe give more guidance on what is appropriate? Younger kids really light up about these, even with small items. Room Parents can opt out if they want to.
- **Gift Collection for Specials:** Should we do it more than 1x a year? Worth discussing further.
- **Yearbook Liaison:** If the yearbook liaison can't attend a class party, it's their responsibility to make sure that someone else can. We can organize at the beginning of the year going forward. One idea is for the teacher to flag special events that the liaison can attend.
- **Room Parents:** Room parents would like to do more than only three class parties. Diane Wood: If teachers want extra volunteers, they would probably send request to class email list, rather than just room parents. Parent Question: Do teachers know they can pull on parents to volunteer more? You have a huge resource. Diane Wood: There's already a lot going on with parties and activities, but we can discuss at our next BLT meeting.

VP-Technology Report: Nikki Kidd

- **New PTO website:**
 - Working through a few SquareSpace issues.
 - **Made Possible by the PTO:** There will be a new section with information on what the PTO makes possible: teacher grants, gaga ball pit, buddy bench,

etc. A lot of parents don't know what PTO fundraising & donations go toward, so this will help clarify.

Running Club: Megan Seliga for Brigette Whisnant

- A co-ed club for 4th Graders
- Registration is live. Running Club begins 4/8 and runs for 6 weeks.
- They may open it to 3rd Graders if there's capacity.

Family Care Committee: Megan Seliga for Ashley Graves

- **Book Donations:** All books have been donated to the OPRF Infant Welfare Society. We decided not to do the book sale because most of the books were for toddlers/preschoolers rather than elementary-aged students.

New Neighbors Fundraiser (4/15-5/15): Kelly O Keefe

- **Change Drive for Migrant Families:**
 - We'll have buckets for spare change. It should be competitive and fun
 - There will be a popsicle party for everyone at the end. We'll announce the party date soon.
 - Corina Davis made a flyer to promote the drive.

Family Culture Fest (4/18)

- Volunteer families will bring food and artifacts from various countries.
- Language students will perform a few songs.
- Room Parents can help spread the word, as well as Wizard Weekly and Facebook reposts.
- New Spiritwear will be available for sale.

Big Hearts, Little Hands (5/3): Rachel Dardis

- Everyone is excited and eager to get on board, now that we're past Spring Break. We've been talking to several local businesses.
- **Promotion**
 - Invite will going out to classrooms, we just need the right timing. If we send the flyer too soon, it gets lost in the shuffle. It should note that not all grandparents will see grandkids.
 - Diane will also include information in her email; Stephanie Rath will include in the D90 public newsletter.
- **Schedule:** Event runs from 9am-11am: Performances from 9:20-10, followed by a 50 minute tea party in the gym, with everyone out by 11am.
- **Participation by Grade:**
 - Kindergarten will make big heart decorations

- 1st & 4th Grades will perform
- 2nd Grade will write thank you notes
- 3rd Grade is greeters and waiters.
- **Swag Bags:** We need a budget from Emily to begin work on these.
- There will be a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers.

Willard 5K (5/19): Megan Seliga for Amber Kardosh

- Registration open through April.
- We have 71 registered so far and 10 sponsors.
- Starts at 8:30am.
- We should make sure the route is publicized.

Ice Cream Social (6/4): Beth Cohen

- **Vendor:** We had an issue with Brown Cow last year, as did Lincoln. We should look into other options, even possibly an ice cream truck.
- **Yearbook Table:** Yearbooks are delivered to classrooms that day, so we could have a table with yearbooks for sale and pens for signing.
- **PTO Table:** There is a simultaneous PTO fair, so we'll need a table request form for that too. We could also decorate with the purple inflatable men - maybe put around the PTO table?

Belongingness and Inclusion: Megan Seliga for Ingrid Payne

- We're looking into having a speaker on neurodiversity, which might work out soon.

4th Grade Recognition 6/4

- Camille & Megan will check in on this committee.

Green 4 Good: Megan Seliga for Ginny Sara

- **Walk to School Week:** 4/22. We'll also be promoting waste-green lunches.
- **RF Bike Exchange:** 4/13 @ Roosevelt.
 - **Ways to Participate:**
 - Bring a bike or bike accessory that has been outgrown or is no longer in use and drop it off and exchange it for another bike.
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 - Bring yourself and a donation (cash, Venmo or Zelle) and leave with your new-used bike or bike accessory!
 - Bring your bike and register it with the Village of RF Police Department and get your license sticker right then and there.

- Please bring bikes to 730 Lathrop between 4/6 and 4/13 for cleaning and tune-ups. Your donation will be logged and saved for when you come to the exchange. More info: <https://fb.me/e/3kP1GMRsR>

Hospitality Committee:

- Starting to work on Teacher Appreciation Week.

Spiritwear: Megan Seliga for Deja Von Ende

- **New Designs:** Deja created some great designs. Kids voted for which ones they wanted on t-shirts.
- We will do a test run sale at the Family Culture Fest.
- Word of mouth would be helpful, and we could also sell after school etc.

Yearbook:

- Goal was to get to publisher before spring break, so we'll follow up with that committee to see if we hit it.

Misc.

- **Science & Innovation Fair:** Thanks to Corina Davis for her work on the Science and Invention Fair. It was a huge success. Corina: Thanks also to the teacher volunteers.
- **Walking Wednesdays:** kick off 5/1 for the three weeks. There will be a SignupGenius, so please look for that.

Adjournment: 9:32am