

RIS PTA Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015 7:00 PM in the Reed LMC

Present: Joe Eradi, Anne Uberti, Jill Beaudry, Kristen Bonacci, Rena Estes, Sarah Findley, Tracey Jaeger, Kristin Larson, Eileen Meeker, Laura Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Tracey Jaeger, PTA President

Review of Meeting Minutes (Kristin Larson, Secretary) The minutes from October 9, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Special Guest, Dr. Eradi, Superintendent of Schools.

Budget Discussion.

- The mil rate will decrease and taxes will decrease. Opportunities in the budget due to retirement package, fuel costs, and healthcare costs decreases.
- The school budget is a sound budget. Will add world language in kindergarten. Adding unified theater class at high school. Stabilizing costs for high school sports. Adding supervisor for special needs.
- At Reed, class size will be maintained. There will be 30 classrooms.

Enrollment and Facility Study discussion.

- Facility study committee will release findings in June and School Board will make decisions in fall of 2015. Looking at all possible options.
- High school designed for 2200. Currently 1700 students. Will be 1000.
- Enrollment is decreasing across CT (except urban areas). Expected to rebound within 20 years.

Graduate dates have been set.

- Middle School Moving Up Ceremony on June 15th
- High School Graduate is June 16th

PTA Financial Review for 2015-16 (Eileen Meeker, Treasurer)

- Can delete wolf program item. No longer offering program.
- May consider dropping Geography program.

Principal's Report (Anne Uberti)

- Completing SBAC testing as a school.
- Planning transition for 4th to 5th grade and for 6th to 7th grade.
- Presented information about advanced math program at Reed to Newtown School Board. In 5th grade, not as accelerated, but enriched. In 6th grade, more accelerated (allows kids to still enter program in 6th)
- Hosted author/athlete Tim Green this week. Great success.

Committee Updates - Open Board Chairs for 2015-16

- Movie Night co-chair
- Reflections. (Did not have a Reflections chair in 2014 and did not participate in 2014 PTA Reflections program)

- Directory/Membership
- Newsletter
- Student Photos
- Volunteer Coordinator

PTA Board Candidates for 2015-16

- President - Satra Arokium
- 1st Vice President - Kristen Bonacci
- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer – Eileen Meeker

Upcoming Events

- **Rebound: The Chris Herren Story.** April 7th at 7:00 PM
- **Scott Driscoll – Internet Safety.** April 23rd at 7:00 PM
- **Reed Movie Night** for 4th and 5th grade on May 29th
- **Reed Movie Night** for 6th grade on June 6th.
- **Next PTA Meeting** on June 4, 2015 at 9:30 AM
- District Wide Community Forum on Enrollment is April 30th at 7:00 PM at NHS.
- **Newtown Budget Referendum is April 28th from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM.**

Meeting Adjourned