



2025 – Thursday January 9th

**PTO Meeting 7:00pm
Zoom**

Principal's Report- Dr. Morgan

Teacher Representative: Liz McGovern

I-Ready Turkey Trot Challenge: wrapped up in November; coordinated by Dr. Watkins; classroom winners participated in an obstacle course.

Student council update: 1555 items for food drive donated to food pantry

Student council officers elected

PBIS events: raffles, incentives, bee cart, assembly

Rydal's bee program: rule matrix & Cafe expectations

PSSA ELA 4/22/25-4/25/25, MATH 4/28-5/2

T.E.A.M

Liz McGovern: Briar Bush teacher Mr. Ehren Gross has moved on.

Kyrstin Schwarz will be the new educator for Briar Bush.

Teachers are thankful for PTO funds going towards tissues and snacks

Rydal West needs lawn maintenance

General Updates - Suzanne Lewis and Courtney Jones Sirhal

Suzanne: Holiday Shop: \$4087

Emily Cooney: 34 girls registered for Girls on the Run; we have 10 coaches.

Registration is still open. Feb 24th is the start day. Up to 40 girls

Suzanne: 2nd grade will start lego club next week. Anyone interested in running for a different grade?

This year: 2 four week sessions. 20 kids.

Carnival May 16: In danger of being canceled if no one runs the event.

Erin Hannun: Snow ball is Feb 7 6pm-8pm. Snow day is Feb 21st. Need volunteers during the event.

Treasurer's Report & Financial Updates: Sue Neumann

On November 27, PTO co-presidents and treasurer met with Dr. Morgan and Chris Lionetti (Abington School District Business Manager) to discuss various treasury-related proposals.

Mr. Lionetti indicated that it is the responsibility of the PTO Officers and Membership to do what is appropriate and responsible for the oversight of the PTO, and that our proposals, with the appropriate controls in place, seemed reasonable.

-Treasury proposal #1: Open a Rydal PTO savings account. Maintain \$5,000 in the checking account; transfer excess funds from checking to savings account

-Treasury proposal #2: Obtain a Wells Fargo debit/credit card linked to the checking account. To reduce the amount of personal spend Board and general PTO members need to make in their roles running PTO events, reducing the exclusivity of other PTO members that may want to volunteer but are inhibited by the financial burden.

-Treasury proposal #3: Accept credit cards, using payments like Square. This will allow parents/guardians an additional payment option

-Treasury proposal #4: Utilize Zelle through Wells Fargo checking account to reimburse PTO event chair members. This will provide a fee-free electronic method to send reimbursement funds, as an alternative to checks. And will also reduce risks that checks will be lost or delayed

-Treasury proposal #5: Set up an amazon business account. This will give a better tracking of purchases for events and oversight of returns. PTO secretary will maintain a password for the account and will change it monthly.

-U can still submit reimbursement

Other Updates:

Fall fest \$4760

Fall book \$4269

Holiday shop \$4087

PTO dues \$3473, a little behind

PTO spends: Enrichment: on track with spendings

5th Grade Committee Update – Damaris Menniti

Boosterthon Glow Run is January 31st

Lobby furniture decided and ordered.

Majority of the funds will go towards upgrades to the library

Goal is 25k. If you reach 25k, top earning child in each classroom will silly string the administration in front of the school.

5th grade committee: right on par with money they wanted to raise.
February: Trios dine n donate
March: Sprinkles ice cream
March 27th: Talent show. All Parents are welcomed to come
April: Spirit night at Urban Air
June 11th 5th grade trip to FunPlex. Bus company reserved

Secretary Update: Tina Nguyen

Ringo is March 14th. Committee members: Tina Nguyen & Svitlana Matsiborko; still in need of donations from businesses.
Valentines day class party: asking lead parents to reach out to teachers end of January or beginning of February to confirm date and time

NEXT PTO Meeting: Wednesday February 19th ZOOM