



RJMMS PTO Meeting minutes-April

April 13, 2026

VIRTUAL- 7:00PM



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Members present: Cristy Downie, Robin Kingery, Dani Fisher, Paula Rivera, Patience CDeBaca, Danie Waler, Sherria Joyce, Kathryn Hoffman, Desiree Fiala, Beth Groleau, Allison Dempsey, Katie Dugan,

1. Welcome- Cristy Downie
2. Approve Minutes from March 2026 Meeting (pages 2-3, below). Robin motioned to approve. Kathryn Hoffman Seconded. Vote approved.
3. A word from our Principal, Dr. Seward -delayed until after Treasurer Report.
4. Financial Report from Paula Rivera, Treasurer [March 2026 Financial Report](#)-Summarized by Downie and Rivera. Money to date we have a balance of \$5,060.99. Actual balance as of Today is \$7, 035. Deposits from teacher appreciation drive and 8th grade dance tickets sold. We made another \$1,000 from a business partner for TAW. We stuck to our expenditures agreed upon last meeting. Purchased popcorn, table cloths, t shirts for staff and student basketball game. We made some concession money from basketball game! Motion to approve the financial report made by Dani Fisher. Robin Kingery seconded. Motion approved by vote.
5. Spirit Nights (Coordinator- Hillary Soto) Soto couldn't make it tonight. Summary given by Downie. Waiting to hear how Applebee's went.
 - a. March 31st- Applebee's
 - b. Papa Johns April 14th, tomorrow all day at any PapaJohns by us. Enter code RJMURRAY20 at checkout.
6. Recent Events-
 - a. Thursday, March 12- PBIS reward event- Staff/Student Basketball game and movie. We bought snacks and shirts. We sold concessions for income. The reward events have been so fun for everyone. We invite everyone to come at some point.
 - b. Friday, April 10th- 3rd Quarter A Honor Roll Lunch-ice cream sundae and lunch went well. Kids had a great time. More than enough volunteers and food. The kids just love it! Honor roll breakfast versus the just for kids lunch? Students prefer the lunch without their parents over the breakfast with the district speaker. Let's talk about changing this to be more kid-centric and what they would want! Each quarter something different? One quarter pizza party? Second quarter ice cream party?
7. Upcoming Events- volunteers needed! Will be last week of April due to testing. The theme is saddle up for success-our teachers are trailblazers! Anything western.
 - a. Monday April 27th-Friday, May 1- Staff Appreciation Week (Sign Up Genius to come-we only need a couple people each day). Reminder, that lunch starts at 10am daily.
 - i. Fri 4/24- Decorate Teacher's Lounge 12:00-dismissal. This is the same day that Little Women opens!
 - ii. Mon 4/27- Potato & Salad Bar- courtesy of Outback Steakhouse and organized by Brenda Kelley.
 - iii. Tues 4/28- Taco Tuesday- Jimmy Hula's. Organized by Robin Kingery. Dani makes a motion to spend \$1,000 for the food. Downie seconds it. Voted and approved. \$1,000 was donated for this purpose by Old City Leasing.
 - iv. Wed 4/29- CRA Lunch after school
 - PTO- plates, napkins, utensils- Beverages?
 - PTO- Gift Card Drive - over \$840 in donated cards already! We can supplement so that everyone gets a card.
 - v. Thurs 4/30- Coffee and Donut Cafe- location?
 - Kookaburra- donating hot coffee and cold brew, cups, cream, sugar, and we already have flavored syrups! Dani has more syrups that she can donate.

- Peace, Love, and Little Donuts- four disco boxes will be donated and we will purchase two more. Robin Kingery is organizing this. Trying to keep this going for later in the day. There is not a lot of time in the morning! A later treat is better!
- vi. Friday 5/1- Surprise gift from admin-Dr. Seward/admin is organizing this. (Reading FAST and 8th grade dance today!)
- b. Testing Proctors- various dates in May [May 2026 Testing Proctor sign up](#). Please share the sign up!!! We need proctors. They need two adults in every classroom. Keeping a calm and fair environment. Easy and no pressure. Must be an approved volunteer.
- c. Friday, May 1st- 8th Grade Dance-
 - i. Tickets on sale online now- Cash sales in lunch room this week 4/16-4/17. Get your tickets now. Cash only in person! They can also make a song request when they purchase a ticket!
 - ii. next committee meeting-next week. A meeting invite will be sent.
 - iii. Students MUST attend school in order to attend the dance. They can leave early to get ready for the dance (have to stay for first 4 periods)
 - iv. You are welcome to chaperone and have a great time with our kids. Help take pictures, serve food, decorate etc. Will be in the multipurpose room.
- d. Wednesday, May 20th- Winner's Circle Brunch
We need volunteers! It is to celebrate the growth on the FAST test! We want to reward them for their hard work. Students are allowed to bring a parent. Dr. Seward has a budget to pay, but they need help with set up, serving, and clean up.
- e. Tuesday, May 26th- Spring Fling, last few hours of school. Two snack tickets, dj, games, etc. Paula is our connection with Parties in Motion. We are looking at a 10 x 30 obstacle course and a shaded area with board games-similar to fall fest. We will need an electric hook up so it needs to be plugged in and away from high-traffic areas. We expect it to be very hot! Paula is helping us with Snow Cones too. We have learned that we can prep snow ones in advance and keep them in a cooler-adding syrup at the last minute. Popsicles and ice cream too. Volunteers needed for this.

8. New Business-

- a. Spiritwear- parents don't love sports corner. They put up a link that is temporary and we do it a few times a year. We are also limited in our designs. We are talking to first place sports. The designs are ready. Shop is open all of the time and shipping is straight to consumer. Free shipping over a certain amount. 7-10days to arrive. We will receive 10% once per quarter. What do we think about changing vendors? New company seems responsive and it works well with SAHS. It is not a screen print, it's sublimation. We would love to add shorts and pants too. It may be a more flexible option for us.
- b. Fence Cups- ours have lasted over five years! They are getting faded though. Put in cups .com is the company. Same design swap out is \$1,000. Do we want to redo this?

9. 2026-2026 PTO Board Election

- a. President Downie
- b. Vice President Fisher
- c. Treasurer CDeBaca
- d. Secretary waler

Motion to approve by Robin Kingery and seconded by Paula. Voting carried at 100% and there were no objections. New board starts next school year.

Soto will return as Spirit Night coordinator

Need business partner leader

Dempsey and Joy will be hospitality coordinators

One goal of the PTO is to love on the teachers once per month.

10. Open Floor for Questions or Comments

Possible parking fundraiser July 1st.

We are looking into switching banks to anyone but South State in order to make it easier.

Welcome new PTO members! Many hands make light work. We have a great PTO .

11. Adjourned at 8:36pm