**PTA MINUTES**

I Finance Report

    Income:

    $40 check from Accenture

    Baby Sitting money deposited for safe keeping

    Expenses:

    Reimbursement to Errin Roney

II Old Business - IXL

    Michelle Smith asked to use her classroom budget to fund a classroom license

    In an effort to help all teachers, we discussed the option of purchasing a whole school license that comes with analytics for one year only

    a vote was taken and approved to have Michelle move forward with a license for her classroom which will be paid for from her classroom budget

    Mr. Putnam will talk to the staff about PTA helping to pilot IXL at RCS. Yet the program needs a 'champion' to facilitate staff training, analytics etc.

III Author Visits - Rachel Kanz upper school

    A. James Preller 1,500.00

        Virtual visits to each classroom (lower and upper grades)

        HIs visits will tie April Poetry Month and Haiku writing

     It would be great to have a school wide Haiku project - possible creation of a book

    B. Crystal Levine (sp?) $500 for grades 6 & 8

IV Author Visits - Errin Roney Lower school

    A. Scholastic offers Author Visits. The fee covers 30 minutes of Author time and copies of the associated book

    B. Pros of going w/ Scholastic are the copies of the books and a 'click and go' concept

     Cons of Scholastic is that it is very expensive, the large group would be less of an impact than one or two classes participating.

    C. Rachel suggested talking with the teachers to see if they have an author suggestion, it would be nice to relate to their curriculum as much as possible. Errin will email them about this.

V. Other ideas - Richmond Community

    Kevin O'Hara - a Pittsfield author who would please a range of ages Jr High and up (community event)

    Bernard Drew a local historian

    Simon Winchester

VI Springfest?

    Errin inquired w/ Balderdash about holding a spring event. The answer is: in the fall they'll be back to larger gatherings with patrons staying in their allotted spot and no mingling between assigned spots. The shorter answer is that this is not an option for an RCS event in 2021.

**Upcoming dates:**

February 15-19: February Break Heads-Up