January PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7pm in the Red Mill School Library

Welcome - Mari welcomed Mrs. Squillace, and parents and teachers in attendance.

Treasurer's Report - In November and December, money was spent on popcorn/snocone supplies and the DJ was paid for the school dance. Money came in from the fall fundraiser, holiday shop, lifetouch, and roller skating.

Principal's Update - The Read for Ronald McDonald House kickoff assembly was today. There will be 5 weeks of Friday spirit days. If the students reach 1 million combined reading minutes, they will earn a ½ day game day on the day before February break begins. The top 6 classes for reading minutes get to mummify their teachers! There will also be a party for the top fundraising class. This year, soda can pop tabs are also being collected as part of this event. There will also be a prize for the class that collects the most pop tabs. This year 5th graders will be doing a computer based testing simulator in February to prepare them for the new computer based testing that is coming. The 5th graders will also be getting new chromebooks with a stylus this year.

Winterfest - Event put on by the EG School Bus transportation department. Will be held on January 13 from 11 am - 3 pm. There will be many fun activities for the kids and the PTO will be selling popcorn. A signup genius is available to volunteer to help sell popcorn.

Snocone Sale - The next snocone sale will be on January 19 and the proceeds will benefit the 4th grade classes. We also had a record popcorn sale in December and brought in \$400!

Red Mill Dance - Last year there were a few issues that arose, so we will add a volunteer slot to monitor the hallway. We will also send permission slips home so that parents understand the expectations for the dance and will be a requirement to purchase tickets. Tickets will be \$5 and will be sold at the school in the days before the dance. Wristbands will be given to students who purchase the tickets and will be checked at the door upon arrival to the dance. We will need a lot of volunteers this year and will offer a free ticket for those who sign up to help out. Watch for a signup genius coming soon.

Budget Meeting for Proposed Improvements - Meeting will be held on February 6 at 6 pm. Over \$100 million in improvements for the school district including new elementary school playgrounds, library updates, and air conditioning for all elementary schools. Because of timing, this will come at no cost to taxpayers. Come to the meeting to hear more.

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 6, 2024 at 7 pm.