**Special Meeting of Board of Directors**

**January 24, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**Via Zoom Videoconference**

***Our RMS PTO: Making a Difference in Our School Community***

Attendees: Cindy Korenberg, Gina Visor, Jennifer Unterberger, Deb Mitra Fernandes, Todd Shissler, Ela Friel, Susi Bruhns, Deb Mitra Fernandes, Vee Marzullo, Mrs. Nicole Ottaviano (RTSD Counselor), and Dr. David Wiedlich (RMS Principal)

The purpose of this special meeting of the RMS PTO Board of Directors was to discuss and vote on Mrs. Ottaviano’s Teacher Grant Request of $2,500 to support the assembly “Ryan’s Story” at RMS.

1. Teacher Grant Request presented by Mrs. Nicole Ottaviano

1. RMS has once again invited Mr. John Halligan to speak at RMS to share “Ryan’s Story,” his powerful story about the dangerous consequences of cyber-bullying in young teens.
2. Mr. Halligan has regularly presented “Ryan’s Story” at RMS every three years. He last presented his story during the 2018-2019 school year.
3. The presentation is 60 minutes long and would be done in 3 separate assemblies (6th, 7th, and 8th grade separately). The 6th grade assembly is less in depth.
4. Mr. Halligan has agreed to do 3 presentations for the price of 2. The $2,500 grant request would cover the full cost of the presentations.
5. Tentative Date is *February 24, 2022*.
6. This is always an emotional assembly as it tackles on of the toughest topics facing young teens. In the past, great conversations have always come out of the presentation. The presentation always includes pre-activities with students during Advisory and follow-up discussions after the assembly. “All hands are on deck” in terms of support for our students on the day of the assembly.
7. Parental notification regarding the assembly will be posted in the Radnor Reader and on the RMS website prior to the assembly. Also, Dr. Wiedlich will include information in his parent newsletter at the start of the new marking period.
8. Parents will have the option to opt their students out of the presentation, and a plan will be in place for those students that opt out of the presentation.

Gina Visor called a vote on Mrs. Ottaviano’s grant request and Jennifer Unterberger seconded the vote. With offline and online votes, the grant request was ***approved*** by the majority of the Board with 1 vote against the request.

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