

**Constitution of the Rodney E. Thompson Middle School  
Parent Teacher Organization of  
Rodney E. Thompson Middle School**

**Article I: Name of Organization**

The organization governed by this constitution shall be named Rodney E. Thompson Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), sometimes referred to herein as the “RTMS PTO” or “PTO”. Rodney E. Thompson Middle School may sometimes be referred to as “Thompson Middle School”. This name will be used on all official documents and communications.

**Article II: Location**

The place in this state where the principal office of this organization is to be located is 75 Walpole Street, Stafford, Va. 22554.

**Article III: Statement of purpose**

The purpose of this organization is to support Thompson Middle School achieve its goals and purposes in the education of students who attend the above school by:

1. Establishing and maintaining a working relationship between parents, school and community.
2. Providing academic support programs for all students.
3. Coordinating volunteers to assist with programs throughout the school.
4. Providing opportunities for parental involvement in the educational process.
5. Sponsoring activities that increase school spirit and showcase student talent.
6. Enhancing the quality of education by raising funds for school supplies, equipment or programs which fall outside the school budget.
7. Supporting the school administration in achieving its goals.

The RTMS PTO is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue code or corresponding section of any further federal tax code (hereinafter Internal Revenue Code).

**Article IV: Executive Committee:**

The names and addresses (addresses redacted) of persons who are Officers of the Executive Committee of RTMS PTO are:

President: Carla Neigh, [REDACTED]  
Executive Vice President: Dr Andrew Grider, [REDACTED]  
Vice President - Fundraising: Nicole Decker, [REDACTED]  
Vice President - Membership: Dave Wernli, [REDACTED]

Secretary: Kathleen Meservey, [REDACTED]  
Treasurer: Michelle Miglorini, [REDACTED]  
Faculty Representative: Eileen Godwin, [REDACTED]

### **Article V: Policies**

1. This PTO shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and non-partisan.
2. The name of this PTO or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used to endorse or promote a commercial concern or in connection with any partisan interest or for any purposes not appropriately related to promotion of the objects of this PTO.
3. This PTO shall work with the school to provide quality education for all students, and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make these decisions has been delegated by the people to the Stafford County School Board and its employees.
4. This PTO may cooperate with other organizations and agencies concerned with child welfare, but persons representing this PTO in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization.
5. This PTO shall not be liable for any non-budgeted monetary expenditure without prior approval of the PTO Executive Board.
6. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization or corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **Article VI: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this organization shall begin July 1 and end June 30.

## **Article VII: Membership and Dues**

Membership in RTMS PTO shall be open to the adult family members and guardians of students at Thompson Middle School, as well as, Thompson Middle School faculty and staff. Only members of the organization shall be eligible to participate in the business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions, except insofar as the Executive Committee invites a nonmember to participate in a non-elected capacity. The paying of the dues shall be determined as stated in the By-laws.

## **Article VIII: Officers and their Terms of Office**

RTMS PTO officers must be members of this PTO, and their election and duties shall be determined as stated in the By-laws.

Officers shall assume their official duties July 1 and shall serve for the terms of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. Officers are eligible to serve multiple terms in succession. The period between elections and July 1 shall be a training period for the newly elected officers.

## **Article IX: Committees**

### **Section 1**

The Standing Committees shall include: Fundraising (including, but not limited to, Spirit Wear, School Store, Box Tops Program, Cartridge Recycling, Candy grams, School Dance and Sports Concessions); Membership; Academic Support: Library Support; Newsletter Support; Staff Appreciations; School Store; and Classroom Support (including, but not limited to Art, Drama, Chorus, Nurse, Office, and SCA).

### **Section 2**

The Executive Committee, as deemed necessary to promote the objectives of the organization and to carry on its work, may create additional standing and ad hoc committees. The appointment, duration and powers of standing and ad hoc committees shall be determined as stated in the By-Laws.

### **Section 3**

The Executive Board shall have authority to execute business as outlined by these Constitution and By-Laws.

## **Article X: Meetings**

The Executive Board shall transact official business of the organization at Executive Board meetings and at General Meetings as set in the By-Laws of this organization.

## **Article XI: Amendments**

### **Section 1**

Amendments to this constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at a General Membership meeting, provided a notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

### **Section 2**

By-Laws not in conflict with the Constitution or its amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at a General Membership meeting.

### **Section 3**

By-Laws may be rescinded by a majority of the members present at a General Membership meeting provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

### **Section 4**

A committee may be appointed to submit a revised set of By-Laws as a substitute for the existing By-Laws by a majority vote at a meeting of this PTO or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board.

### **Section 5**

At the beginning of each school year, the Executive Board shall review this Constitution. Every three years, it shall present the Constitution to the general membership for reaffirmation by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a General Membership meeting.

## **Article XIII: Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of RTMS PTO, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of this PTO, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Thompson Middle School. If Thompson Middle School ceases to exist, remaining PTO assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent Jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

This Constitution Reaffirmed  
By the  
Rodney E. Thompson Middle School  
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)  
Stafford County School District, Virginia

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_ Carla Neigh, President  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Andrew Grider, Executive Vice President  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nicole Decker, Vice President Fundraising  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dave Wernli, Vice President Membership  
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