

**Rohrerstown Elementary PTO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 11, 2019**

- I. Welcome and Greeting: Katie Zellers
  - A. Katie Zellers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
  
- II. Treasurer's Report: Sunil Mathew

Sunil Mathew shared the following information.

  - A. Our MOD Pizza fundraiser raised \$115
  - B. Our Isaac's fundraiser raised \$50
  - C. The PTO is sponsoring Chris Ivey to perform at Family Fun Night on 11/13 at a cost of \$450
  - D. The PTO provided additional rolling racks for the Lion's Den at a cost of \$110.
  - E. The PTO provided funding for the Summer 2019 Reading program at a cost of \$233.
  
- III. Principal's Report
  - A. The building Principal was not present.
  
- IV. Teacher's Report

Marycatherine Stengel and Amy Skundrich shared the following information.

  - A. The staff was really thankful for the money given to teachers to spend on classroom supplies and materials.
  - B. They were also appreciative of the dinner provided during conference week.
  
- V. Volunteer Coordinator: Jen Eshleman

Jen Eshleman shared the following information.

  - A. The beginning of the year form that went home to parents was easy to follow and well received by many families.
  - B. We have filled the spots of all Homeroom Parents.
  
- VI. SPAC Report

Holly Landis shared the following information.

  - A. Feasibility, Enrollment and Attendance Area Studies - We took part in a visioning exercise exploring the use of our buildings.
  - B. Powerschool - We had Sapphire for 12 years. Powerschool is a work in progress. Teachers working on grading and getting used to sync with Powerschool. Ability to post activity fees coming soon. If you had major changes to the emergency paper that was sent home, please make sure your teacher and or the secretary has the updated info until all the changes have been made.
  - C. Discussion about Flexible Instructional Days/Cyber Snow Days
  - D. New state legislation allows it. They are looking into it. Law is complicated and there is an application process each district must turn in. The district has less than 30 days to apply for it this year. No other public districts in Lanc. Co. applied. A lot of questions as to how it would work for students who don't have technology at home, and how it would work for IEPs and how nursing services would be required.
  - E. Libraries- Library cuts started back in 2011 when several positions weren't refilled due to retirements. All of the schools have days when the library is closed. The district does try to have senior tax workers or parent volunteers to help out. Currently have 4.7 elementary librarians for 7 buildings. Most are sharing 2 buildings.
  - F. Middle School/High School course credits- Ongoing discussion about whether students that take the accelerated math course starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and languages in 8<sup>th</sup> grade would be able to get credits for high school courses taken in middle school.
  - G. Someone asked about what other schools do for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trips. It is supposed to be a local exploration type trip. Dues to high demands for school tours, the city isn't able to accommodate all of

the requests. LPC requested to move their trip to see a performance at Dutch Apple. Any changes must be approved by the principal and assistant superintendent to make sure the field trip aligns with curriculum.

H. A question was asked if we'll be notified about when our clearances will expire. With more than 2,000 volunteers on the list, there is no way of currently doing that due to the large volume of people that would need to be notified.

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VII. Pie Fundraiser: Nicole Fickes

Katie Zellers shared the following information.

A. We sold 395 pies (81 more pie than last year)

B. Pie distribution will take place on Monday, November 25th

VIII. Book Fair: Jill Burk

IX. Katie Zellers shared the following information.

A. We are still in need of some volunteers for the Book Fair. Please email the [respto@outlook.com](mailto:respto@outlook.com) if you are interested in receiving the sign-up link.

X. Used Book Cart Report: Heather Keller

Katie Zellers shared the following information.

A. The used book cart will be used in conjunction with the Book Fair.

XI. Q.U.I.C.K (Questions, Information, Comments, and Knowledge)

A. Roller Skating Night will be happening on January 25<sup>th</sup>!

B. The Holiday Plant sale has been cancelled due to lack of volunteer support

C. Jen Eshleman offered her candidacy to serve as PTO President, which is currently unfilled. The self-nomination was accepted by the executive board and voted on by the PTO members in attendance. Effective immediately Jen Eshleman will serve as PTO President.

Attendees: Katie Zellers, Sunil Mathew, Laura Bender, Jen Eshleman, Holly Landis, Jennifer Yurchak, Marycatherine Stengel, and Amy Skundrich

**Thank you for coming!**