

Rohrerstown Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2018

- I. Welcome and Greeting: Dawn Ruppert
 - A. Dawn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Each person introduced themselves, shared their children's names and grade, and shared something special about RES.

- II. President's Report:

Dawn shared the following information.

 - A. Announcement Board is up and running on Noll Drive. PTO is looking for someone to add communications and announcements to the board on a weekly/monthly basis.
 - B. Sandi Provost was nominated as the PTO Vice President. Petrina Skiles and Sunil Mathews made the motions for the vote.
 - C. Fun Fest chair position is open and we are hoping to fill the position by January. The opening will be advertised via the 4 o'clock email and through social media.
 - D. Next year: Book Fair co-chairperson is open please spread the word if you know anyone that may be interested in filling that spot.
 - E. It was voted to move our current money from Fulton Bank to Union Bank. It will build 2% interest monthly and could profit the PTO approximately \$400 per year. Sandi Provost and Petrina Skiles made the motions for the vote. Dawn removed herself from the voting.

- III. SPAC Report
 - A. Holly Landis stated that Dr. Addams last day will officially be January 4th.
 - B. There will be 2 assistant superintendent positions.
 - C. Attendance realignment will be on hold and a possible vote might take place next fall.
 - D. Bus issues were reported as having buses that are too full and the lengthy time students are on the bus. Buses have live cameras, they hold 77 children and cost the district around \$45,000 per bus.
 - E. Sapphire will be replaced. A proper transition is being put into place to be fully ready for the next school year.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Sunil Mathew
 - A. Sunil shared that our funds were down a little from the Book Fair, but that is to be expected with the unexpected shorter week and changes to the schedule.
 - B. It also cost us \$500 for the author assembly.

- V. Principal's Report:
 - A. Kathy Swantner thanked Becky Mathew and Holly Landis for their work and flexibility during the Book Fair.
 - B. Kathy stated that any fundraiser needs to be approved by the district. Until it is approved it must state that the fundraiser is tentative.
 - C. Kathy shared the Engagement letter and explained that it is an initiative where the District and the Building offer many activities within the community to support Title 1 reading. It also includes any type of engagement that the PTO holds.

Some examples include:

 - i. Sharing books and painting pumpkins with RES children in the community.
 - ii. Homework Club
 - iii. Technology Night

iv. Family Fun Night

VI. Teacher's Report

- A. Preschool Connections is happening and it is encouraged to spread the word to any incoming RES children that will be attending kindergarten next year.

VII. Ways & Means

- A. Petrina shared that the 5 Below fundraiser started and that the school will profit 10% of the sales. Just remember to take your form with you.

VIII. Book Cart

- A. Heather Keller reported that the Used Book Cart profited \$122.26 during the week of the Book Fair. \$62 will be given to Heidi Weber and \$62 to Laura Heverling. The Book Cart might make an appearance in December during lunch but nothing was confirmed yet. It was also discussed about possibly giving books to families in need. The next official date the Book Cart will be used is for the Fun Fest.

IX. Lion's Den

- A. Christy shared that she is working with the guidance counselor and Mrs. Rohm in hopes to give kids a place where they could come and have a shopping experience for free. Donations such as hangers, new socks and underwear, gently used clothes and shoes will be accepted in the office.
- B. A \$1,000 donation was made from the PTO to get this initiative up and running.

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

- A. RES calendar doesn't seem to be working. Kathy will look into the issue at a district level.
- B. Concerns were raised over the Homeroom parent guidelines and PTO requirements.
 - a form will be created to make the requirements more clear
 - PTO reminded the homeroom parents that attending every meeting isn't necessary, as long as the information from the meeting is shared and volunteer needs are shared
- C. A question was brought up about what can be done to get parents to volunteer?
 - communication is done many ways. Through Facebook, monthly newsletters, 4 pm emails, Twitter and the District Website. If you have any other ideas for ways to communicate, please share!
- D. Thank you to homeroom parents for coming. It is necessary to communicate info about volunteer opportunities.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Attendees: Dawn Ruppert, Sandi Provost, Katie Zellers, Petrina Skiles, Sunil Mathews, Lori McCollom, Melissa Harris, Heather Conlin Keller, Christine Frey, Laura Bender, Holly Landis, Roxanne Foura, Christy Keitel, Jaime Kellam, Alisha Wells, Donna Mikus, Kathy Swantner

Thank you for coming!

Next Meeting: Monday, January 28th at 6:30 pm