

Rohrerstown Elementary School PTO
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2022
6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 886 9242 6100
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- I. Welcome and Greeting: Heather Harris
 - a. Thank you to new parents/guardians joining us

- II. Secretary's Report: Meredith Baxter
 - a. May minutes approved and posted
 - b. Please chat name

- III. President's Report: Heather Harris
 - a. Volunteer Sign Up
 - All chairs for current events have been filled
 - Spreadsheet will be sent again in 5 pm email
 - Some ideas for fundraising ideas were shared but will require additional chairs/volunteers. New fundraisers will have to be approved by the district prior to sending to parents.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Laura Bender
 - a. 2021 – 2022 school year
 - \$4,200 more expenses than income for school year, \$32,000 remaining in checking account
 - Created list of anticipated expenses for school year
 - PTO will run \$10,000 deficit if we continue to fund these expenses without additional fundraisers
 - b. \$100 teacher gift will be offered again this year (45 teachers @ \$4500 total)

- V. Principal's Report: Kathy Swantner
 - a. 2022 – 2023 school year
 - RES unity events to promote school pride and community feeling
 - Monthly incentives for students for positive behavior
 - Suggestion to have PTO request for materials to parents to offset need for RES to ask for PTO funds
 - b. Title 1 Engagement
 - Selection of students in focus in beginning of the school which is mainly reading support
 - 3 out of 7 schools are considered Title 1 schools but all follow the same guidelines
 - Includes Preschool Connections, Homework Club, Technology Nights and other outreach programs
 - c. Parent and community presentation on internet safety scheduled for 10/26/22; speaker from attorney general's office
 - d. Heather will sign for PTO acknowledging the engagement policy

- VI. Teacher's Report
 - a. Thank you for the September mailbox gifts
 - b. Room parents are needed. PTO will resend volunteer request form reminding

- parents of the need and also include link to background check information.
- c. Suggestion to create an event calendar where teachers can put planned events that could require funding so PTO is aware of possible donation needs or plan expenses (field trips, PSSA gifts)
- VII. SPAC: Heather Harris and Jenn Knepper
- a. Structure is changing and no meetings are currently planned
- VIII. Upcoming Events:
- a. Parent conference teacher dinner
 - Planned for first night of conferences which is 10/19/22; Heather looking into buffet options for a hot meal
 - b. Scholastic book sale
 - Chairs are in touch with Scholastic
 - Fair will be the week of November 7th
 - Chairs will put together a sign up for volunteers
 - c. Family Fun Night
 - Heather will reach out for food truck options
 - Steven Courtney (local musician) is \$1000 for 40-45 minute concert; this will allow people to drop in and out and not have to attend for the full event time
 - PTO will move forward with booking these options for 11/9/22
- IX. Fundraisers: Heather Harris
- a. Upcoming:
 - Oregon Dairy pie sale
 - Pie and delivery costs have increased since last year
 - \$9 suggested as new price to offset
 - Donation only line will be added to form
 - Holiday secret shop
 - Difficult to do in person with volunteers needed so soon after book fair and pie sale
 - Kathy will look into possibility of high school volunteers
 - Remains a virtual option
 - Book cart
 - May not be possible to offer this; district must know every book that is offered to students due to content
 - Fun Fest date needed; Laura will follow up with officers and past chairs about suggested 5/5/23.
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 - b. Ongoing:
 - Spirit Wear – will send in conjunction with upcoming unity/community events
 - Dream Dinners – offers in person classes; if that could be a part of the fundraiser that could help raise additional funds
 - Dutch Wonderland
 - Barnstormers
- X. 2022 – 2023 PTO Volunteers
- a. Monthly teacher thank you status – only need one more
 - b. Vice president position remains open for volunteers
- XI. Q.U.I.C.K (Questions, Information, Comments, and Knowledge)

Thank you for your attendance!