

Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Katie Blackburn, President at 7:09 p.m.
- 12 in attendance

Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn

- Welcome

Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell (not present)

- Although JoAnne was not present she provided the proposed budget to Katie Blackburn who has provided same for review.
- Katie Blackburn also noted that this year's audit was completed.

Principal's Report – Beth Meacham

- Thank you to all of our families for their patience during these challenging days.
- Kuddos to our teachers for all they are doing to learn the new technology and adapting to all the changes.
- Our tech department is overwhelmed with requests, but they are doing a good job of responding to requests. One common fix for zoom connections is making sure students are logged into their own account and not the parent account. If you are viewing a student account through the parent account it is view only and will not allow access for meetings.

Membership's Report –

- Membership is currently at 44 families/staff enrolled.
- Member drive ideas were welcomed and it was suggested that tables be set up during picture day.

Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond

- No Report

Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm

- We will need to seek approval of March and April Minutes and copies will be forwarded along with current minutes prior to our next meeting.

Teacher Delegate's Report – Liz Capuano

- Thank you parents for your help and patience.
- Teachers can send PTA membership information links as part of their curriculum night packets.

- The tech department is working hard and another fix to try for zoom connection problems is just closing out of the Schoology tab and reopening it between the meets if you are getting a message that the session has ended. Just refreshing the screen may also work.
- K-2 teachers were looking at continuing their use of Raz-Kids for leveled reading materials and wondered if the Curriculum Department is not able to purchase this for the District if it is something the PTA would be willing to consider.
- The teachers were wondering if there will be a reallocation of enrichment dollars in the budget.

PTSA Delegate's Report –

- No Report

There are several board and chair position openings. We are in need of VP who will take the position with an eye toward the President seat next year. We also are looking to fill the Membership and PTSA Delegate seats as well as yearbook chair (compile photos virtually and work with Kaiser to create layout) and bagel chair (not needed until we are back to in-person classes and restrictions are lifted).

We will be selling spirit wear through a new company called Spirit Wear Direct (same company used by Anderson Middle School) that does online sales and will ship directly to families. We will receive a percentage of sales at the end of the year.

Fun(d) Run will be virtual and ideas for incentives/prizes are appreciated. Local businesses that sponsored the run last year will be asked to donate again, but regardless of their ability to donate this year they will all receive the same sponsor level advertisement as a thank you from the PTA for their past support as we recognize the cutbacks during this pandemic.

Updates to the budget were discussed and it was noted that this year's budget will remain fluid as needs change. Of note was the fact that 20% of field trip/enrichment funds have been moved to Covid Relief Funds which may be used for PPE, art supplies or other such items. Teacher grants have also been increased from \$50 to \$70 and teachers should provide receipts for items up to that amount for reimbursements.

Bookswap is also going virtual and Amanda is working hard to catalog books for students to swap from her home using Libbib.com. More information will be sent to families showing kids how they will request books they would like as well as information about how they can be picked up. These books may be combined for pick up with other school materials or with books from library check-out which will also be starting up soon.

Mr. Duffey will be scheduling library book checkout and Mr. Lou is in the process of building a book return bin for external use.

Informal discussions with teachers indicate that it would be helpful to have a room parent who is also a PTA delegate and requests for sign-ups can be included with the PTA membership information being included with curriculum night information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.