

Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Katie Blackburn, President at 7:05 p.m.
- 12 in attendance

Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn

- Welcome
- Teachers have received their lab coats with a surprise vinyl logo on the pocket thanks to Michelle Brazeau.
- Kaiser Studios will allow digital yearbook cover submissions if we choose to allow that for future contests.
- Congratulations to Vayda Rowlett for her winning yearbook cover submission.
- Spirit wear orders will include free shipping on all orders through March 15th.
- Next Friday March 12th is Family Bingo night. This is a free event and another communication will be sent in the hopes of getting additional families registered. Thank you to Annie Stransky and Amy Bluhm for helping put together our prize baskets. We will play until all prizes have been distributed.
- Fresh Collective Dine-to-Donate will begin taking orders on March 9th with all orders due by March 14th. Pick-up of orders will be scheduled from March 17th to March 21st. 20% of the sales will be donated to Rogers PTA and will be used to create a memorial for Gail Ward.
- A communication will be sent to families about open PTA Board and Committee positions so that nominations can be made at our April meeting and elections can be held at the May meeting. The new Board will take office at the final meeting in June.

Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell

- Expenses paid out this month were for the lab coats (final cost was half of what was approved); Founders' Day Winner Gift Cards
- We received about \$100 in Amazon Smile rewards
- The PTA will be covering the expense for 5th grade camp which is being held virtually this year.

Principal's Report – Beth Meacham

- Our reading month bookmark contest is being held with entries due on March 11th. Students who attend in person can deliver submissions to their teachers and students who are doing remote learning can deliver theirs to the office drop box.

- Thank you to the 4th and 5th graders who are competing in this year's Battle of the Books for their understanding about the time change for the battle to 10:45. This change is time was so that 5th graders will not miss their last day of virtual camp.
- Storer Camps have done a great job bringing a virtual camp to our 5th graders. Today they enjoyed a lesson on horses.
- Thank you to our Reading Month Committee for putting together a month of fun reading activities.
- For those families who requested a change in learning environment (remote/in-person), email communications will be sent tomorrow indicating a.m. or p.m. sessions.
- Vision and hearing screening will be done for all students attending in person. These screenings are not a requirement, but are a service provided through the County. Any families who do not want their child tested should let the office know. Any remote students who wish to be tested may contact the Health Department to make an appointment. Safety measures will be in place for these screenings and more information regarding those specific measures will be provided once it is received from the Health Department.
- A question was asked about whether families that travel over the Spring Break will need to quarantine. The District is following CDC guidelines regarding quarantine after travel and a notice will be sent to families with links to that information prior to the break.

Membership's Report –

- No change in membership - total is currently 99.

Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond

- No Report.

Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm

- Approval of February 2021 PTA Board Minutes
 - Motion was made by Katie Blackburn and seconded by Liz Capuano, motion passed and minutes were approved.
- Box Tops for Education were turned in last week with a total of 239 clipped Box Tops for \$23.90. Thank you to Tanya Quigley who went through the copy paper and clipped the Box Tops which were about to expire.

Teacher Delegate's Report – Andrea Halas/Liz Capuano

- Thank you for the lab coats, the raccoon is darling. Teachers have commented that they will continue to use these into the future for science experiments and art projects, so they will get much use. The coats wash up well and seem like they will hold up for a long time.
- The kindergarten team has a long history with Gail Ward and would love to help with her memorial if possible. Andrea Halas has been in contact with Gail's daughter and shared the information about the dine-to-donate and she is passing the information on to her family and friends as well.

- Thank you to all the families for their help and patience during the transition to in-person learning.
- Mr. Duffey is in the process of trying to coordinate virtual author visits for reading month without pulling students from live instruction times. He will provide more information in that regard.
- As we are unable to host family reading night this year, instead every family will be given a chapter book to read and we hope to have class and family discussions about the book at different times. Stacey Bronoel had this idea and suggested a great book called Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott.
 - A motion was made by Katie Blackburn to approve payment of \$600 to purchase copies of the book (1 copy for each of our 265 families and 1 copy for each of the 18 classrooms) from Scholastic. The motion was approved by Beth Meacham, seconded by Abby Watteny and was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.