

Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Katie Blackburn, President at 7:06 p.m.
- 11 in attendance

Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn

- Welcome
- Staff appreciation is happening this week.
 - Families came to chalk the walk on Sunday and thankfully photos were taken for staff to enjoy before the rain Monday morning.
 - A wellness table was set up in the teacher's lounge today with lotions, soaps, stationery and snacks from which staff could choose. Thank you to all the parents who donated these items.
 - Students have been invited to bring in notes or pictures for staff.
 - Friday staff will receive lunch from TLC. (Thank you to Lindsey Young and Cait Dombrowski who will be delivering that to the school).
- Spirit wear orders will end on May 31st and we should receive a check for our portion of the year's sales in June.
- The yearbook has been completed and sent to the printer. Students will be allowed to autograph classmate's books with appropriate safety measures in place. Copies of books for virtual students will be signed by their class before being sent home.
- The memorial garden for Gail Ward will be in the flowerbed at the parking lot door under the Rogers sign.
 - Students are encouraged to drop off any painted rocks they wish to add to the garden in the box near the office doors.
 - Student council would like to donate flowers and they will be contacted to determine which plants will work best.
- 5th grade year-end activities were discussed. A motion was made by Katie Blackburn to apply \$260 of the camp designated funds toward these activities. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meacham. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell

- The 5th grade books have been purchased in the amount of \$422.

- Funds for the memorial for Gail Ward are being recorded separate from PTA budget funds and are approximately \$500. This will cover the garden pole, flowering plants, garden edging and the remaining funds will be donated to a charity in Gail's name.

Principal's Report – Beth Meacham

- Thank you to both the PTA and all the parents for making staff appreciation week so special. Thank you for all the gifts and kind words.
- If you missed the email yesterday from Dennis McDavid, Berkley Schools conducted our professional development day regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with Dr. Bryant Marks. The main focus was on implicit bias with meaningful discussions had among our staff.
- Regarding the final candidates for the Superintendent position, there are some panels (virtual site visits) taking place with the School Board this week. The final selection is scheduled to take place at the Board Meeting this coming Monday evening. Stakeholders will be able to attend. There will be a virtual attendance option.
- It was nice to see the outstanding participation in today's bike to school day with participation by students and parents alike.
- There have been some questions about the Health Department's adjustment to outdoor gatherings and whether or not masks will still be required on the playground. To clarify, yes, masks will still be required for students on the playground. This is due to the fact that we cannot guarantee students will maintain the required social distance while playing at recess.
- If you did not see the Principal's Update note, teachers are currently working on student placement for next year. If parents have any concerns they would like teachers to consider during placements now is the time to reach out with those thoughts.

Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond

- No updates.

Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm

- Approval of April 2021 PTA Board Minutes
 - Motion was made by Amy Bluhm to approve the minutes and seconded by Katie Blackburn, the motion passed and minutes were approved.

Teacher Delegate's Report – Liz Capuano

- Thank you to the families for the chalk drawings that brought smiles to our faces. We were able to see many before the rain and more through pictures that were posted.
- Thank you for making this week so nice.
- Thank you for all the lunches over the last few weeks.
- All of the staff has been sending their THANKS for everything the parents have been doing and for the collaboration through this year.

Laminator purchase discussions were had and a motion was made by Rachel Mendoza that the full purchase price be reimbursed to the school funds which were used to purchase the equipment (approximately \$2,000). The motion was seconded by Katie Blackburn. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Clark's Ice Cream is offering 400 mini scoops for \$400 or 400 small scoops for \$700. These are coupons which will be distributed to students in lieu of our annual ice cream social. As the budget for this event is \$700 the small scoop tickets will be purchased. Melissa Hammond will make the arrangements to purchase and deliver the coupons.

Kindergarten playdates will be arranged this year by Katie Blackburn. Dates will be provided to Mrs. Meacham by weeks end so they may be included with kindergarten round-up information.

Elections for the 2021-2022 Board took place verbally as all positions being filled ran unopposed. Our new PTA Board is as follows:

President: Rachel Mendoza

Vice President: Abby Watteny

Treasurer: Lamia Banyai

Secretary: Annie Stransky

Public Relations: Meghan Sanborn

Mrs. Meacham congratulated and welcomed our incoming Board and thanked the outgoing Board for the work they have done.

Discussions were had regarding event chairs which will need to be filled next year. The first events of the fall are covered and the new Board will review next year's calendar.

Discussions were had regarding available items for next year's Fun(d) Run prizes (10 Detroit Pistons Growth Charts obtained by Mrs. Meacham).

Discussions were had regarding the possibilities of getting students (upper elementary) involved with the production of yearbooks.

Discussions were had about remaining inventory of adult size Fun(d) Run t-shirts being donated to the school to be used for new staff members or however Mrs. Meacham should see fit to use them.

Discussions were had about Board members transferring documents to new Board members and the possibilities of scanning documents and creating a Google Drive to be used by future PTA Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Sign-In from Zoom Participants:

Lamia Banyai
Katie Blackburn
Amy Bluhm
Liz Capuano
Melissa Hammond
Beth Meacham
Rachel Mendoza
Joanne O'Connell
Meghan Sanborn
Annie Stransky
Abby Watteny

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5th Grade Yard Signs quotes have been received so the order can be placed. A few shirt sizes are still needed so the middle school spirit wear can be ordered. The book 365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's Precepts have been purchased. The students will walk the Fun(d) Run route as their clap-out/graduation ending in the parking lot. There will be a balloon arch with each half done in the colors of the two middle schools. Due to Covid restrictions it will be best to purchase the arch rather than seek parent volunteers. The cost will be \$260 which will be paid from the camp funds. This will take place at 1:00 p.m. on June 10th with a rain date of June 11th at 9:00 a.m.