

## Roslyn Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes:

September 26, 2019

**Dr. Fecher:** Thanked everyone for coming; focused on ongoing communication, addressing concerns to Dr. Osborne, or his office. Resolve problems through conversation vs social media. Asked for opportunity to resolve concerns. Added resource pages to increase communication/information distribution as a result of suggestions. District communication survey from last year helps determine where to direct their efforts. Offered to attend future PTO meeting as part of any topics/focus groups, or for issues that need to be addressed. Thanked staff & Principals for smooth start to the year. Passed out bookmarks with contact information.

**Presidents:** Dana Doyle & Brendan Sullivan - Welcomed and thanked all present for attending. Mentioned Riviera Spirit night for 10/7 and hours; make sure you mention you're from Roslyn Elementary.

**Vice Presidents:** Krissy Bellerby & Carrie Keck – mentioned fundraising and:

- Pies: upcoming pie sale from Styer Orchards and teacher pie-eating contest on 10/17, pie sale starts 10/18 and runs for about 2 weeks and then pies come in right before Thanksgiving. More information to come.
- Urban Air Spirit Night November 4<sup>th</sup>; day before election day so kids are off next day. Adjusted time as there was issues last year with everyone arriving at once; now you can show up anytime between that 4:30 – 6:30 for discounted 2 hours, however they close at 8pm, so if you arrive @ 6:30 you only get 1.5 hours

**Treasurer:** Amanda Kolowski – budgets printed & available in the back; explained two sections (fundraising & programs/events) and that 6<sup>th</sup> grade does their own thing. If any questions, please let her know. Reminded people that we do a lot of different fundraising events, and not to feel like they need to participate in everything. We try to do different things for different families to accommodate everyone.

**Recording Secretary:** Bonnie Gibbons – providing monthly meeting agendas and although none this meeting, will also have minutes from the last meeting and will ask 2 attendees to review/approve them.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Marisa DeSumma – has thank you cards from the teachers for back to school lunch if people would like to read them. Also a thank you card from Ms. Carroll's class to thank us for buying all of the nice things.

**Documentation Specialist:** Jennifer Woerner – introduced herself, nothing to report. Mentioned coordinating Library volunteers, which is separate from the PTO, and thanked everyone because it's the first time in several years there have been so many volunteers!

**Teacher's Report:** Thanked PTO for the back to school luncheon and said the year's off to a good start.

**Library Report:** Mrs B-D – thanked volunteers as well, let people know to contact Jen to coordinate/schedule people. Thanked the PTO for supporting the library and the author's visit in Spring (Melissa Stewart, a non-fiction writer who focuses on Science). Looking forward to the children getting excited about non-fiction, doing research, drawing pictures, etc. More details to follow.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Osborne – thanked everyone for coming out and especially the teachers; had them raise their hands to be acknowledged because it's not normal to have such a large teacher participation, after hours, some with their kids, speaks to their commitment & dedication.

- Introduced some new teachers; great start to the year, about 520 students enrolled, as high as he can remember it being (before redistricting part of Roslyn to Overlook about 15 years ago; 550 students but 100 left to Overlook). District growing, community growing, good problem to have.
- New Title I aide Sandy Traver; new life skills para Betsy Hopkins (from playground, will need a new aide to replace).
- Lockdown drill last week, bus drill Monday, Great American Shakeout (Earthquake drill) coming up Oct 17 @ 10:17am. Evacuation chairs now at every stairwell for non-mobile students, go down the stairs similar to a snowmobile (teachers learned this as last faculty meeting).
- Grade level meeting today, starting reading groups in next 1-2 weeks, discussed goals
- Parking issues – added signs, try to reinforce procedures at beginning of year; dropoff/pickup seems to be going well.
- Thanked PTO for recess equipment, has box to store some sporting items (balls) in
- No longer on AEF board; promoted their upcoming Monte Carlo night fundraiser 10/11 @ The Abington Club, \$50/ticket
- Questions? Bonnie Gibbons asked if lockdown procedures could be shared with families so we'd know what to do in the event of one during our visit. Dr. Osborne thought there were too many instances of visitor situations where they can't really address all situations. End result is trying to make sure all of the kids and teachers are as secure & safe as possible.

**School Store:** Krissy – a lot of vouchers redeemed for summer packets, next school store 10/10 during lunches; had a lot of volunteers & 6<sup>th</sup> graders that helped it be successful.

**Winter Carnival:** Krissy – after holidays, will be forming a committee

**Rocket Race:** Krissy – gave brief explanation of what it was, not until Spring

**Ringo:** Brendan – Thursday 10/17, explained what it was, invited teachers to come and call games, forms to come home next month

**Holiday Shop:** Dana – not much now to report, explained what it was, 12/5 & 12/6. More information will come home.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:** Sue – explained fundraising throughout the year for end of year class trip. First up is Flapjack Fundraiser 10/12 @ Applebee's in Jenkintown. Raffle basket there as well. Selling ice cream at Ringo as well. Left order forms for Applebee's in case anyone wanted them, and thanked everyone for their support.

**Roslyn Wear:** Carrie – amazing so far this year, order will be placed 10/2 (online link ends 10/1); a little over 2 weeks the items should be available. Thanked people for their patience in waiting.

## **No Old Business**

**New Business:** Dr. Osborne discussing possible projects with the PTO where we'd use excess savings to fund possible enhancements like a LED sign out front, storage shed/container (plays/Mayfair items), whiteboards, whisper phones (PVC, helps you hear reading/fluency), vinyl motivational quotes in halls, Lego STEM club startup (\$600-\$700), etc. Next month should have more pricing/information available.

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## Questions?

**Kidstuff:** attendee saw line on budget and asked about them; we answered yes and that information would be coming soon, we just didn't want to overwhelm with so much paper the first few weeks of school. Explained that Save Around acquired Kidstuff, so books will be slightly different.

**Multicultural Night:** Marisa explained the mom from last year moved on, and that she'll try to run it this year but would need help. Asked for volunteers for people with exposure to other cultures/languages, and that she's looking to start a committee for it. Anticipated for Feb.

**Hockey Club:** Dr Osborne explained there was no one to run it right now.

**Drama Club Budget item:** Dana - No details yet, allocated an amount based on a need for Mrs. Begley and how she could use it. Per Dr. Osborne, \$1,700 last year for light/sound. 2 shows this year (Thurs/Fri) with nominal fee to help offset costs and budget items wouldn't be an annual request; this is just to get them started.

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