

## Roslyn Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes:

October 24, 2019

**Presidents:** Dana Doyle & Brendan Sullivan - Welcomed and thanked all present for attending. MOD Pizza night earned \$237.29 and Riviera Spirit night made almost \$200, and fundraiser like these provide for the little extras; thanked everyone for attending them. Explained that we were taking ballot votes for a 20 x 8 shed.

**Vice Presidents:** Krissy Bellerby & Carrie Keck:

- Pies: currently going on, get pies from Styer's Market in Langhorne, amazing pies, orders due by Fri 11/1. New this year a spot to sign on the form to release pies to your child (liable for the pie). Thanked the teachers that participated in the pie eating contest, Mrs. Fatovic won, video on our Facebook page, the kids really loved it.
- Urban Air Spirit Night coming up in about 2 weeks, trampoline adventure park on Easton Rd, special is all access pass which is a \$30 value for \$20 + cost of socks (20% goes back to the school). Time slot 4:30-6:30, so you can come anytime between then. Last year there was one time slot and everyone showed up at once, but they're a new business and working out kinks. They do close at 8, so if you come at 6:30 you wind up only getting 1.5 hours. Mention Roslyn Elementary. Online waiver, recommended to complete before you go to make check-in faster.

**Multicultural Night:** Marisa - will be in February but needs to figure out dates with Dr Osborne. Looking to start committee as it is a little time consuming so the more help the better. Has sign up with her, can use help in any form (family set up a table to share their culture, etc). Club will meet after school leading up to it, could use help there. Share ideas, was really fun last year.

**Recording Secretary:** Bonnie – last month's minutes available, please pass and second them. Scrip program – use on phone, towards 6<sup>th</sup> Grade committee this year, we've earned over \$1k the last 2 years with it, gave example of how it earns for school. All online now, no physical gift cards.

**Documentation Specialist:** Jennifer – didn't have anything

**Treasurer:** Dana for Amanda – goal for evening was to vote for shed. Budgets available to review. Shed cost: \$2,175 + \$235 for delivery, color like a yellow/beige.

**Student Affairs Representative:** Mrs. Begley – wrapped up Breast Cancer awareness fundraiser, no total available yet. Mix-it-up day had the kids sit at different tables to make new friends, asked each other questions, seemed to go well. Unity day - kids got a foot/sneaker and put what it means to not be a bully and being a friend, and they will be posted all over school and cafeteria bulletin board. Operation Gratitude will collect Halloween candy to give to First Responders, Troops & Veterans, collecting it only 2 days so it can be sorted/shipped: Nov 1 & Nov 4. Annual elections of Executive Board Mon Nov 4 for student council President, Secretary & Treasurer. Drama Club has started practice and first fundraiser event for Chipotle earned \$337, and thanked everyone that came out. Looking for additional fundraisers, movie night sometime in Jan (1/10 - Lion King), more information coming. Kids are excited, and first Circle of Life practice gave her chills!

**Library Report:** Mrs B-D – Barnes & Noble book fair coming up Wed 11/13 from 5-8, fundraiser for library. Can also order online starting that date and next 5 days. Will post on Facebook, use the # provided at checkout. Library gets a % of purchases. Mr Williams is working on the singing performances for that night, will let you know as it gets closer. Thanked everyone and library volunteers as well.

**Principal's Report: Dr. Osborne –**

- Tomorrow, a representative from Aldersgate will be working with students for the Elementary Student Assistance program for students that need outside support can get that on an individual basis at school rather than have to go out at night etc.
- Anti-bullying committee meeting last week, Mrs Shore also attended; Dr Claudio Cerulo complimented district for having the discussions. Trying to determine actual bullying versus disagreements as well. Credit to Dr Fecher for the initiative.
- Last week on same day as pie eating contest (80-90%) wore lots of pink breast cancer awareness.
- Great shake out drill (earthquake drill) happened last week as did a fire drill. 4<sup>th</sup> grade took a walk to Roslyn fire house.
- Meeting last week (3<sup>rd</sup> so far) to discuss reconfigured grade spans; this is to determine what grades will look like once 6<sup>th</sup> grade moves into Middle School, 9<sup>th</sup> to the High School and how that transition will look, what do we need to think about, etc. 2022 is when it's scheduled to happen.
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders taking PA Youth survey (though questions about violence, alcohol & narcotics). Good to have data vs keeping heads in the sand so we can understand where our kids are going and what they're thinking. Sandy Trayver hired as Title I Aide, here Mon – Wed morning
- District calendar lists American Education Week as week of 11/11, is actually week of 11/18
- Election day school in-service will be on new Google platform; K/1<sup>st</sup> to discuss early literacy/dyslexia; 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> Step (pro social skills program); 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> to discuss informed instruction & mindfulness.
- Book fair mentioned. Money from teacher fund: requests for whisper phones (had samples), more white boards, vinyl lettering above pods with inspirational sayings (i.e. nice to be important, more important to be nice). PTO funds for the vinyl, a few teachers have the Cricut machines. Request for Lego 2.0 club kits (read email from Mrs. Barnes: kit runs \$200, 2 kids can use. Would like 12 kids covered in perfect world but Dr O would like 6 to start, left to PTO decision). Mrs. Barnes saw this as ISTE conference in June; new innovative type of way to get kids to think differently. Not sure of start date (over winter?); how many kids in club (no info yet). An annual thing – no, once we have them, we have them, so it's a 1-time spend. Looking to see if we can vote on it in future, want to be more innovative in curriculum. Could 1 set work (doesn't think it would be purposeful for the club). Teachers may be able to use in their classes independent of the club.
- Faculty meeting Mon – Dr Osborne had his brother come in to discuss innovation as he's started a few businesses for unique products. How to get your mind to think in a different, creative way to make things happen. Want to engage both kids and teachers in different ways of thinking.
- Sign – possibility of sign on Susquehanna (LED sign) but apparently would run \$25k plus (run electric line, pour footers, get sign that's durable weatherproof). Roslyn firehouse's sign cost \$17k. Concerned about durability and spend that much \$ on something that could have issues down the line, become an eyesore etc. Perhaps more of a classic wood/pvc sign more reasonable and look good for years to come (closer to \$2k). No exact estimates yet as was looking at the LED's. Maybe some of 6<sup>th</sup> grade gift back to school could offset (next year Dana, Brendan & Bonnie will have 6<sup>th</sup> graders and are on board with that). Dana explained the 6<sup>th</sup> grade gift process, thinking we could combine a few years. Dr. Osborne would like perhaps solar lighting with sign to be more durable. When building first opened, people had issued figuring where main entrance was. Wanted Roslyn Elementary removed on Johnson under the library, but necessary for First Responders.

**Box Tops** – Gabby Kane – discussed new Box Tops app and how to redeem receipts, everything switching to this eventually, can track what you've given and what the school has earned. Bugs in the beginning but seems to be worked out. Still plenty of paper box tops, they are due 10/31 and will go out 11/1. Competitions in

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class? No, so few we are not doing this. There is a deadline (12 days? 2 weeks?) to scan receipts, so do right away. Can get friends & families to participate in it too! Talked more about how to log in & choose Roslyn School.

**School Store:** Krissy – doing well, had one today, next one in 2 weeks (11/7). New stuff coming in, trying to rotate merchandise. Kids are excited for it, brought in about \$1k already.

**Roslyn Wear:** Carrie – order came in, everything went out. Next order usually Spring but revamping. Trying an online only thing but offers a lot more. Current/past problems is keeping inventory (storage space, set up etc). If it goes well, we'll stick to that. Might keep limited stock on hand (t's/hoodies). March-ish. Looking at a website other Abington School district schools use (not Run Around); pages of things to choose from – little more expensive but seems to be better quality. Not sure if ROSLYN logo or Roslyn Elementary logo, but we think we may be able to offer different options. Can order when you want vs waiting for us to have a sale.

**Ringo:** Brendan – Thanked everyone that came out, helped out & played. Most raised at a Ringo! Next one in March.

**Kidstuff:** (Dana for Amanda) - if you still have one, please return it or pay for it (cash/check/money order). Wrapping up this week.

**Holiday Shop:** Dana/Sara – Thurs 12/5 & Fri 12/6. Had list of when the classes were having theirs if anyone wanted to look at it. Explained how it worked (\$2/item, list provided). Need clearances to volunteer.

**Clearances** – Dr. Osborne – referenced memo about Halloween parties, explained purpose of requiring clearances, gave example of people in the school that really don't belong at school. Need to know who is coming in and that they're here to help; mostly positive feedback. No more than 4 parents prior to parade; after, if you have clearances and are there to help, you're more than welcome to. Clearances needed every 5 years. Brendan stated township has later afternoon hours once a month for clearances (next one 11/12 & 12/10, 430-645). Dr O talked about process more; Dana reminded all steps are on our PTO page. Mobile clearances for child abuse won't load correctly, need to use the desk top. Can parents float from class to class for Halloween party? Dr O saw no issue, major undertaking was making sure we knew the people who were coming in.

**Winter Carnival:** Krissy – coming up 1/24, some people signed up beginning of year but always looking for more. Will meet next month to start getting games together, figuring out food, prizes. Explained what it was. See Krissy or Carrie if interested.

**VIP Dance:** Dana – date changed, 4/17 (district calendar for May but too many events in May; was going to be 3/27 but Sr High had activity that night). Discuss more in April.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:** Sue – thanked everyone that volunteered and attended Applebee's Flapjack fundraiser, raised decent amount. Thank you to everyone that purchased ice cream at Ringo. Panera fundraiser same night as Barnes & Noble night. Chik-Fil-A spirit night 12/2 and Snowball dance 12/6 for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders. Wawa shorti voucher sale, \$4 each, gets \$1 for each voucher sold. Running month of November, good at any Wawa, don't expire.

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