

RCE PTA Meeting Minutes (Sept. 2018 Mtg)

- Meeting called to order at 8:26am by Debbie New.
- First order of business was to introduce the 2018-2019 PTA Board:
 - Debbie New, President
 - Dani Karr- Vice President
 - Jennie Rogers- Treasurer
 - Aydin Hoo- Secretary
- President report: Welcomed the large turnout of parents! Excited to begin fundraising for new playground equipment this year. Members and community should get on Facebook for latest news and updates.
- Treasurer report: (report attached) yearbook sales have started earlier this year, well received. Lots of pre-orders coming in for spirit wear. Based on budget we need about 100 more family memberships. A large amount of funds are still in our account, accumulated from 2 years ago. We need to spend those funds as a 501(c). Next year will be a slimmer year without those funds.
 - Insurance premium was discussed (\$1 million general liability, bond coverage, crime, fidelity, etc.). Premium of \$255 for the year. Motion to approve by Dani Karr, while Aydin Hoo seconded the motion.
 - New Reimbursement form being used now. Reminder that receipts should be attached and 2 board members must sign checks.
- Sounding Board Update with Jennie Rogers. This is a parent-led group with 1-2 parents per school, along with superintendent and one additional board member. They will take a field trip to review some of the bond \$ improvements. D20 added 236 teachers this year . State budget per student is \$451, up 5.2% from last year. Outstanding CMAS scores. D20 doesn't get involved in politics. Impact aid forms should be 1 per family but schools don't cross communicate. Security at schools is as follows: 3 armed guards at each high school, 1 armed guard at each middle school, and patrols for each elementary. Improved school to school communication. Safe 2 Tell Program.
- Membership report with Liz Nieboer: 64 families and 22 staff. Remind families that memberships include admission to dances!
 - Liz Nieboer inquired about the school marquee sign, why is it not updated? Debbie New replied that Administration is looking for letters and would need volunteers to update the sign once/month (it's a time-consuming process)
- Reflections program with Aydin Hoo: 50th Anniversary, theme is "heroes around me" Categories are Music Composition, Visual Arts, Literature, photography, film production, dance choreography. Divisions are primary: preK -grade 2 and intermediate: grades 3-5. Submissions due by 2 November. Need community judges.
- Administration Update with Principal Karie Ebbens: Thank you to all of the parents in attendance.

- Field Day is September 24th and the school needs volunteers (no need for orientation).
- Neighborhood Justice Meeting is September 24th. RCE has no authority in this matter and is only serving as a Host location for the meeting. Neighborhood Justice (“NJ” is an El Paso County group) will mediate. Law Enforcement, NJ, and ASD20 Security will be in attendance. Parents will have 3 mins to voice concerns/impact on students & families. Neighbor will have a chance to respond, then NJ will provide mediation.
- Rebecca Bayless inquired about school activities and why they are not offered after school. Principal Ebbens responded that the decision to do activities before school stems from teacher availability and student participation (many have other after school activities)
- Brooke Knipp inquired about shortened lunch period. Principal Ebbens responded that this change resulted from last year when the hot lunch line backed up and was taking too long. Also, custodial staff needs time to clean tables. Sodexo limits time to provide service. There were reports last year of behavioral issues, students wandering around. Most students seem to be ok. Other students are learning to advocate for themselves and are allowed extra time to eat.
- Traci McGrew inquired about students waiting too long to come in for lunch after recess, being “punished” for kids who are not quiet. Principal Ebbens responded that the situation will be monitored but students wait no more than 2 minutes to come inside. Recess Monitors help remove kids who are holding up fellow classmates.
- David DeFranco gave a briefing on School in the Woods (an ASD20 lottery school for 4th graders). Located in Section 16 of Black Forest, there are 3 - 4th grade classes, committed to conservation and environment.
- Assistant Principal Tricia Clough gave an update on “Beautification” committee projects. EAC states that any changes are seen as building modification and require insurance, proposals with plans/drawings, and 3 year maintenance plan. Debbie New commented that a committee is not needed if ASD20 maintains the landscaping. AP Clough replied that there is a Work Order in to repair water lines plus weeding around the marquee sign. Jennie Rogers suggested starting a “Green Club” to plant.
- **Fundraising** with Debbie New: Boosterthon has been chosen to help us raise \$. They do take 50% but they provide everything for us. In future years, if we have more parent volunteers we can earn more \$. Each child and each teacher gets a website . Pta put down a \$1000 commitment to secure our date of 7 Nov. Event will be held regardless or weather (indoor option).
 - We would like to get a fundraising committee formed.
 - After school fundraising ideas include: selling spirit sticks after school, having Kona Ice truck, or Jamba Juice specials once per month. These will take place out front by the bike racks.

- Additional fundraising ideas:
 - Rebecca Bayless: Christmas shop
 - Lindsey Slattery: mystery quest escapes room, will provide school with a link, we can earn similar to a spirit night. Ice Arena \$1 per skater to school.
 - Brooke Knipp: Safe splash & pizza nights
 - David DeFranco: pinewood derby
- Spirit nights with April Osback-Bustoz:
 - planned 2 Per month except November and December.
- Fall Dance: 26 October 6-8pm. We will have a DJ, kids can wear costumes and PTA will provide snacks & decorations.
- Fall movie night: 7 December, 6pm “ Babe”
 - Pizzas and a craft.
- Yearbook with Brooke Knipp: yearbook club with Srta. jarnigan. A link will be provided for parents to send in pictures. Working with Inter-state Studio (Plicbook). Yearbook is due 5 weeks prior to delivery.
- Box Tops with Shannon Carriere: will go to general pta fund. Would like feedback on classroom incentives.
- Popcorn Friday's with April Osback-Bustoz: planning for 2 days per grade per semester. Need volunteers!!! Rebecca Bayless brought up concerns about kids with braces and Lindsey Slattery added concerns for kids with allergies. Veggie Straws were mentioned as an alternative. April will talk to Principal Ebbens.
- Teacher Appreciation with Melissa McCrone:
 - Looking for monthly ideas.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:52AM by Debbie New

Prepared by Aydin Hoo, PTA Secretary