

Rockwell Elementary PTO Minutes

April 5, 2023 6:00pm

I. Call to Order

1. Members Present: Sarah Rao (President), Jennifer Walden (Principal), Jessica Hansen, Dee Kohl, Abby Petitt (Secretary), Sara Polzin, Jessica Ehlers (Treasurer), Jen Schieber, Julie

II. Principal's Report

1. Operational Referendum - Excused now if you need to go vote. Thanks to all who helped spread the word.
2. Report Cards out Thurs 4/6
3. Spirit Day Thurs 4/6 since Friday is No School
4. Spirit Wear orders were sent home - same items as last time
5. 4th Quarter very exciting to see so much growth and independence
6. Forward Assessment Testing for Grades 3-5 starting soon.
7. Summer School Registration April 11-18th

III. Treasurer's Report

1. Couple additional checks cleared between report and meeting giving ending \$6917.39
2. We did see an increase on the interest of our money fund account
3. Motion to Approve: Abby Petitt 2nd: Jess Hansen

IV. Old Business

1. Eat Out Night
 1. Paddy's
 - i. Total of about \$525
 - ii. But a portion of that was kicked in by owner Erin (Thank You!!)
 - iii. Erin noted there was an increase in business for her which is a plus
 2. 4th Quarter
 - i. El Patron??
 - ii. Dee noted she spoke with owner and they will get something together

V. New Business

2. Spirit Wear
 1. Order forms sent home and due by 4/14
3. Talent Show
 1. April 27th
 2. Unsure at this time about the level of interest/sign-ups

3. This is Grade 3 event
4. The gym is reserved and the HS is handling light/sounds
5. Dee to do Facebook reminders
6. Ms. Walden okay a preview for the whole school
4. Book Fair/Fine Arts Night in April
 1. Pivoted to 4/10 to avoid conflict with D.A.R.E. graduation
 2. Walking Tacos - Jen Schieber to make/donate beef. No sign-up genius for remainder
 3. Art or Mural club will be hanging the art
 4. May need volunteers for book fair help
5. Teacher Appreciation
 1. Runs May 8th - 5 12th
 2. Should be good to go!
 3. Refrigerator
 1. Abby noted that the donation of the refrigerator will likely work out timing wise
 2. A staff member did inquire about donating/giving away the current fridge since it is still running
 3. Sarah Rao will inquire with Jason at Business Services
 4. There may be the opportunity to dispose of one at Abby's???
6. End of year picnic
 1. Discuss at next meeting
7. 5th Grade Breakfast
 1. The theme has been chosen as well a decoration/gift idea
 2. Not relating to breakfast but the D.A.R.E thing is at the High School
8. Officer Elections for 23-24
 1. Social Media - Accepted by Dee Kohl (All present were in favor)
 2. President - Accepted by Abby Petitt (All present were in favor)
 3. Treasurer - Accepted by Curt & Sara Polzin (All present were in favor)
 4. Staff Liason Officer - Accepted by Jessica Hansen (to assist Abby as connection at the school) (All present were in favor)
 5. Secretary - TBD in Fall

*Current officers will work with newly elected to hand-off

VI. Other Business

1. Field Trips
 - a. Lots of discussion relating to field trips. More specifically relating to bussing to/from the events
 - b. Some classes take 1 field trip and some more. Some local and some further like the Milwaukee area which can be around \$500 for the bus alone.
 - c. Bussing is quite expensive and a fair amount used up for Band/Orchestra practice

- d. The question was asked as to how many students at Rockwell - 241 and the idea of setting up a per student bus amount
 - e. Since PTO has funds available and there are no known big expenses coming, it was discussed PTO providing \$10/student for this school year only. Motion by Jessica Ehlers and seconded by Jess Hansen
 - f. Next year half to come from PTO and half from the school
 - g. Ms. Walden to inquire regarding the band/orchestra. Some shared thoughts about having those students having a bussing fee as a part of being in band/orchestra. Or their band/orchestra bus trips count towards their bus allocation money. May need to be discussed district wide
2. Benches Outside
- a. The benches on the playground are getting old and rough with pain peeling.
 - b. They have already previously been disassembled, sanded/painted and re-assembled. It is a lot of work and the wood is getting old
 - c. Possibly look at a non-wood option - like composite benches
 - d. Sarah Rao noted a company called Terra-cycle. She will look into it further.
 - e. Will discuss more

VII. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn: Jessica Ehlers
2. 2nd: Sara Polzin