

Rockwell Elementary PTO Minutes

February 7, 2023 6:00pm

I. Call to Order

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

* Special Guest Becky Garcia

1. She is working as the bilingual community liaison. She is willing and able to help contact schools with parents.
2. She can help with translations of paper forms/signs or at events.
3. Rockwell would love to get more people involved without having language be a barrier.
4. Becky noted a personal invite would go a long way!
5. Mrs. Rao will share Becky's email with colleagues

II. Principal's Report

1. We're Doing It!
2. Conference forms went out - remember only return if the time does NOT work for you
3. District info being shared about the upcoming operational referendum and vote
4. Info on absentee voting also being shared.
5. Classroom Valentine's parties will happen on 2/14
6. This time of year has very few breaks/days off of school which allows for big gains!

III. Treasurer's Report

1. Bounce House rental was paid at \$1523
 1. This will be reimbursed by the school after fundraising (may sell sno cones at lunch on the lawn events)
2. Roller night brought in \$992.94
 1. Sno cones were a hit!
 2. Only used 4 bags of ice and half the syrup

IV. Old Business

1. Good to Go
 1. Very successful but no totals in yet
 2. Ms. Walden and others did a couple of deliveries!
 3. If we work with them again clarification on when volunteers should arrive would be beneficial

2. Rollerblade Night Feedback

1. Financially was good!
2. Some older kids were a little bummed with the number of little kids at the experienced skater session
3. Things felt a little crowded
 1. Great turn out
 2. Possibly have parents wait in a different room with a live feed
4. Pre-sale tickets was a huge success and allowed us to know roughly the minimum number of people coming. It may have also lead people to commit to coming since they already paid for tickets.
5. The question of who is "allowed" to come was brought forth as there two unusual scenarios. A family not at all affiliated with Rockwell came as well as older children who are not at Rockwell any longer. It was determined that as of now, the PTO will not limit who can participate and welcome everyone. If things change we can re-evaluate.
6. Volunteers went well. There were a few last minute cancellations but Mrs. Rao was able to find subs.
7. Cash boxes were kind of a pain as they only have one large slot for all bills. Had to spend time fishing for the correct bills to give change.
 1. The group ultimately voted for Jessica Ehlers to go ahead and order 2 new cash boxes from Amazon that have the individual bill slots.

V. New Business

1. Quarterly Eat Out Night

A. 3rd Quarter

1. We will be doing eat out night with Paddy's but it will be a week long event from 3/7 to 3/11
2. No monies actually coming from the purchase of food/drink
3. Tip jar for donations as well as baked goods for sale that are being donated by Erin.
4. Trivia night donations as well

2. Family Conference Meal

1. To be held on Tues Feb 21st
2. Texas Roadhouse donates salad and rolls that Mrs. Rao will pick up Monday
3. Then will do Pizza as well as donated drinks and desserts
4. Abby offered to pick-up pizza's and set-up the meal

3. Spirit Wear
 1. Will do a spring order right after spring break which should give time for delivery before end of year
4. Bingo Night
 1. Voted to have on Wed March 1st
 2. This is the Kindergarten class event
 3. This has little work involved as there isn't a lot to set-up and only has light concessions like popcorn, drinks and candy (already have some)
 4. 50/50 raffle - license should still be good but Mrs. Rao to double check
 5. Raffle baskets
 1. Two baskets likely movie night and game night themes
5. Talent Show
 1. It's Happening!!!
 2. This is Grade 3 event
 3. Ms Hein helping
 4. Working with AV team to secure a date
6. Book Fair/Fine Arts Night in April
 1. Erin Nichols volunteered to do Book Fair again
7. Teacher Appreciation
 1. Runs May 8th - 5 12th
 2. Theme??
8. End of year picnic
 1. Set to occur on 6/6 as that is when the inflatable is secured. (previously discussed 6/2 without realizing inflatable date)
 2. 4th Grade Event
9. 5th Grade Breakfast
 1. 5th Grade event
 2. Committee email will be coming
 3. To be held June 7th
 4. Note that may not actually be a breakfast - have done an ice cream social in the past.
 5. Gifts - do we do them? This handled by the parents not from the PTO

VI. Other Business

- A. Officer Nominations to be discussed in March

VII. Adjournment