

Rockwell Elementary PTO Minutes

March 7, 2023 6:00pm

I. Call to Order

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

II. Principal's Report

1. Operational Referendum
 1. Last fall the capital request was passed but the operational was not
 2. Operational now up for vote on April 4th.
 3. The district has been sending out information via text/email regarding the referendum as well as how to do absentee ballots
 1. More information coming as the election nears
 4. Absentee set-up is very easy
 5. GO VOTE!

III. Treasurer's Report

1. Deposit from Amazon Smiles
2. Expenses for pizza conference meal, new cash boxes (they're Roadrunner Blue!), Raffle License

IV. Old Business

1. Good to Go
 1. Total of \$526 - likely our highest yet
2. Bingo Night Feedback
 1. Was hoping to make \$50 but actual was \$315
 2. Made about the same as last year when there was no raffle baskets
 3. So baskets were nice but not necessary
 4. Time of 1.5hrs was about perfect
 5. Vita-Ice as a prize was a hit with the kiddos - keep in mind for future
3. Conference Meal
 1. Salad and Bread from TX Roadhouse along with Pizza from PTO for first night
 2. Shout Out to El Patron for the donation of the 2nd night meal!!!! So appreciated!

V. New Business

1. Quarterly Eat Out Night
 - A. 3rd Quarter
 1. Paddy's this week 3/7-3/11
 2. Rumor has it the donated desserts are amazing!
2. Spirit Wear

1. Will do a spring order right after spring break which should give time for delivery before end of year
 2. Will do the same as fall but maybe see if there is baseball/trucker hat option
 3. The pajama pants for staff was a win.
3. Talent Show
 1. 99.9% sure it will be April 27th
 2. This is Grade 3 event
 1. Minimal volunteers needed but will need help with stage and chairs that Rockwell will have to do
 2. AV club will do lights/sounds - but may not be able to dress rehearsal
 3. Likely just have popcorn, water/Juice for food
 4. Put out a donations box vs sell tickets
4. Book Fair/Fine Arts Night in April
 1. Erin Nichols in communication with Scholastic
 2. Will likely need 2 volunteers for book fair
 3. Sno Cones for sale to raise funds for the end of year inflatable obstacle course
5. Teacher Appreciation
 1. Runs May 8th - 5 12th
 2. Theme of "Lift Us Up"
 3. Week's events - to include some non-food days
 1. Monday - Wake Up coffee/breakfast bar in lounge
 2. Tuesday - Tidy Up??? - get the outdoor shed for the recess items installed
 3. Wednesday - Layer up nacho bar
 4. Thursday - non-food - something related to the fridge item below
 5. Friday - Meet-Up event in the upstairs lounge at Fat Boyz
 4. Refrigerator
 1. It was discussed that the lounge fridge was very old and kind of smelly. Possibly look at getting a new fridge
 2. Abby offered an idea of donating a french door fridge - will confirm
 3. Otherwise maybe look for a scratch and dent sale
6. End of year picnic
 1. Set for 6/6
 2. 4th Grade Event
7. 5th Grade Breakfast
 1. Emails have been sent out to at least one of the two Fifth grade classes.
 2. Only a couple responses back so far.
8. Officer Nominations
 1. A couple of officers looking to retire as they will no longer have kiddos at Rockwell next year
 2. Nominations today with official vote happening next meeting
 3. Support still available from Mrs. Rao and the whole school
 4. Mrs. Rao has done phenomenal work but this could be an opportunity to switch things up and think of new events etc.
 5. Nominations for:
 1. Social Media - Dee Kohl
 2. President - Abby Petitt
 3. Treasurer - Curt & Sarah Polzin
 4. Vice President - Jessica Hansen (to assist Abby as connection at the school)
 5. Secretary - ???

VI. Other Business

1. Does Rockwell PTO have anything in place to help a family in a time of need/loss? Discussion about how we could move forward with helping those who may need assistance. But it needs to be all or nothing as we see a handful of unfortunate losses (deaths/fires etc) each year.
2. Discussion of maybe an Amazon Wishlist

VII. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn: Jessica Hansen
2. 2nd: Jennifer Walden