

PTA Meeting Minutes: Nov. 14, 2016

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Welcome
 - i. Will now take attendance each meeting
 - b. President's Report
 - i. Proposed revisions to bylaws. Please review prior to vote at end of meeting.
 - ii. ROYA hosting a bowl-a-thon fundraiser (Mar. 5 from 12 – 3 p.m.). Would like a team from each school.
 - iii. ROMS Parent Series (Nov. 17 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.) covers social media.
 - iv. ROMS lunchroom incident: Let Dr. Parrott know if your kid ever has a problem.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Board approved \$634 for 2 busses to take the 5th graders to camp.
 - b. Restaurant night income: Blaze Pizza raised \$220.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. First marking period is over.
 - b. ROMS lunchroom incident
 - i. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated.
 - ii. Each day, ask your child about how the day went.
 - c. Request for new chairs in the Media Center.
 - i. PTA would like to see a cost estimate before approving and moving forward.
 - ii. Is this something the School Board helps with? There are improvements in the long-term, but staff would like new chairs sooner than that.
 - d. Mrs. Karczewski's class is piloting new furniture.
- IV. Teacher Representatives: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Thank you for the teacher appreciation chili dinner.
 - b. Conferences start next week.
 - c. Special guests: Mary Fletcher and Patty Hanson
 - i. Requesting new equipment for Oak Ridge Live
 - ii. 27 5th graders applied to participate this year. Sixth year of the program.
 - iii. Kids learn how to operate the camera and run a sound board.
 - iv. Talked w/ district experts who recommend using an iPad and uploading to YouTube.
 - v. Requesting PTA funds for a new iPad (\$359), mic (\$50) iPad stand (\$50) and green screen (less than \$300).
 - vi. Leslie Eyster made motion to combine this into the existing picnic table line item (\$8,000 budget of which \$1,014.95 was used). Motion passed.
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. November 8 election:
 - i. Thank you for voting!
 1. 18.00 mil non-homestead renewal: Passed.
 2. Two board members: Briggs and VanHeitsma
 - b. Enrollment went up. It's not much, but more than was budgeted for, so that's a good thing.
 - c. ROMS lunchroom incident:

- i. Talk to your child's building if there is a problem.
 - ii. Don't post it on social media.
 - iii. An awareness group is being put together.
- d. Last meeting a parent asked if the district had numbers regarding School of Choice (SOC):
 - i. 17% of our population is Oakland County, non-Royal Oak resident
 - ii. To compare other districts, 54% is the highest and 8% is the lowest.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Green Team (Johanna Kononen)
 - i. Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day. Please have your child wear green and bring in a waste-free lunch.
- b. Membership and Directory (Amy Till and Marti Herman)
 - i. Membership is down from last year.
 - ii. Directory should go to the printer early next week and distribute before December break.
- c. Ski & Snowboard Club (Trish Donaldson)
 - i. 2015 was first year and about nine or 10 families participated.
 - ii. 2016 open to all RO elementaries. 70 families RSVPed to the welcome night and 35 families signed up.
 - iii. Skiing is on Tuesday nights. Price is set by Pine Knob. \$20 gets you two lessons.
- d. Staff Appreciation (Laura Kruse)
 - i. Providing dinners for conferences starts next week.
- e. Holiday Shop and Reflections (Angela Almas)
 - i. Holiday Shop
 - 1. Dec. 9 from 3:45–7p.m.
 - 2. Sign Up Genius will be sent next week for event and bake sale volunteers.
 - 3. ROMS and ROHS kids needed to help as secret shoppers.
 - 4. Crafter application will be online.
 - ii. Reflections
 - 1. Initial volunteers backed out. Angela and Sue Kaczowski taking over.
 - 2. National contest. Winners compete in school, then district, then state and finally national.
 - 3. Four categories are open to lower and upper el students.
 - 4. Kids will get submissions back.
 - 5. Submit no later than Dec. 7. No exceptions!
- f. Book fair (Liz Czarnik)
 - i. Held simultaneously as Holiday Shop.
 - ii. Excited for new co-chair, Sarah Austin.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Bylaw updates. Rachel Forsyth made motion to approve changes. Angela Almas seconded. Changes approved.
- b. Toyology kickback program
 - i. Mention Oak Ridge when paying at any of the locations and we'll get 10% back.
- c. Benches in front of school need to be replaced.

- i. We still have the picnic table/benches budget.
 - ii. Dr. Parrott said it might be a district expense. He will research it.
- d. Suggestion: Robotics team.
 - i. Email Liz Czarnik if you're interested in researching and/or helping out.
 - ii. Board liaison, Jeff Brinker, works w/ the older teams in the district and would love a feeder program from the elementaries.
- e. Programming Club is being developed by Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Losey. More details to come.
- f. After school yoga coming back this year? Looking for a new kid-friendly instructor. Email Carolyn Jennings if you know someone.

IX. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at www.ptaoakridge.com
 - i. Dr. Parrott includes link in weekly Connection email
- b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group
- c. Read weekly eFolder and other announcements:
<http://www.royaloakschools.org/elementary/oakridge/announcements/>

X. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided!