

Rock Creek Elementary School – PTO
September 19, 2013

Open House – General Meeting Minutes

Part I – 6:00 PM

PTO Reception/Introduction

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Mr. Alden

A. PTO Introductions

Mr. Alden introduced Heidi VanDevender and Terry Moody (co-treasurers), Karen Sly (secretary), Lisa Ebersole (vice-president), and himself (president)

B. Introduction of Teachers

Mr. Meloro introduced all of the staff that was present and made mention of all of the other staff that were not.

C. Events planned – discussion of general PTO plans for the year

D. Volunteers needed in different areas – Description of Food Label/Box Top counters, Book Fair, Market Day, 6th Grade Promotion, Spirit Committee, Walk-a-Thon, Santa Shop, Safety Town

C. Open discussion

D. Committee sign ups

We had the following sign ups:

Box Tops/Food Labels: Ashley Dennis, Edna Sherry, Alicia Johnston, Michelle Borris, Lisa Cermelj

Safety Town: Casey Steen

Santa Shop: Ashley Dennis, Casey Steen, Edna Sherry, Amber Butte, Michelle Borris

Walk a Thon: Maureen Rankin, Alicia Johnston, Ashley Dennis, Brian Carroll, Eva Konya, Tammy Smith, Lisa Cermelj, Tammy Misinec

Spirit Committee: Tammy Smith, Ashley Dennis – Tammy Smith will do the jars again and Terry Moody will send them home for her.

6th Grade Promotion: Tracy Mekulsia, Ashley Dennis, Casey Steen

Market Day: Eva Konya, Michelle Borris

Book Fair: Tammy Smith, Casey Steen, Ashley Dennis, Amber Butte, Michelle Borris

Part II – 7:20

Business Meeting Portion

Call to Order

- A. Motion to Approve Minutes from last General Meeting (April) from Michelle Borris; seconded by Terry Moody; all in favor; motion approved – minutes accepted
- B. President's Welcome

Joe Alden thanked everyone for coming. He thanked everyone for signing up to volunteer. He announced that the new bird feeders and benches were going to be going up soon.

- C. Treasurer's Report – As of August 20th bank statement, every thing was reconciled. A few checks have been written. We will be contributing to the PTO Continental Breakfast that we did along with Jefferson Elementary's PTO for Waiver Day. (check register attached along with preliminary budget.) Preliminary budget has increased the amount of money allotted for Box Top prizes, and has an estimated amount for what field trip t-shirts would cost.

- D. Mr. Meloro's Comments – Waiver Day is this coming Monday which will be announced through the robocaller to clear up any confusion. Conferences will be Wednesday night October 16th and Thursday morning, October 17th. Then there will be no school on Friday b/c of NEOEA day. Reflection on the fact that we have some really great kids and he receives calls from establishments when they go out on field trips requesting that we visit again. Our school is a pleasant place to work in and he feels great to come to work here.

- E. Pavilion/Construction Update
Thanks to JR Misinec for his work on the pavilion. The pavillion will be finished when JR Misinec has time to complete it.
Construction has started in earnest in certain wings. It is loud in one section for 2-3 days before the workers move on to a new spot 30 feet farther away. It is tough to concentrate through the construction noise, but our students have been resilient and have been working hard throughout this construction period.
Construction has changed parking procedures and parents have been very good about getting out of their cars and getting their children to the sidewalk safely. Construction will hopefully be completed by Thanksgiving. Keep telling your students that its going to get better!

- F. Yearbook Update – This is about the time of the year that the yearbooks arrive. Jefferson Elementary has received theirs already. Danielle Smock was not in attendance and Joe Alden stated that he would call her with an inquiry about when the yearbooks should be expected to arrive. Mr. Meloro will call Rapid Photo and inquire with the company as well.

- G. Fundraising Update – Great American sent a catalog with items as well as snacks and cookie dough along with the typical magazine sale fliers. This conflicts with the products that we have planned to sell for the PTO fundraiser in November. We do not want parents to feel burdened by two fundraisers so close together. Discussion focused on possible changes to the fundraiser dates. Lisa Ebersole said she would

call the company we signed a contract with to see if they would be willing to move our fundraiser to the spring to space them out.

H. Spirit Wear Update

Karen Sly has been working on getting this set. Samples are hanging in the hallway. Order forms will be created and sent home soon. The idea of selling tie-dye in a spring sale came up.

I. Field Trip Shirts Update/Discussion

We had a quote from Rick Furman for \$4/shirt. We would keep the shirts here for field trips. Terry volunteered to wash them when needed. Terry made a motion to purchase field trip t-shirts; Tammy Misinec seconded; all were in favor; motion passed to purchase t-shirts for field trips.

J. Recycle Bin Purchase Discussion

Mr. Alden suggested that we look into purchasing some blue recycling bins for the classroom and copy room to replace the cardboard boxes we presently use. He has priced them from a company called Global Industrial. They are \$72 for twelve 28qt. bins. We would need 24 of them. We discussed getting one larger 35 gallon bin for the copy room, but it is much more expensive and would be too heavy to carry when filled. We opted to just put two smaller boxes in the copy room. Motion to spend \$92.95 on 24 recycling bins was made by Tammy Smith; Amber Butte seconded it; all were in favor; motion carried to purchase recycling bins.

K. Character Ed. Assembly Discussion

Mr. Alden brought up the idea to host an assembly since we lack a school counselor. Discussion included Jim Basketball Jones, who has visited our school once before. He would do an assembly for \$600 or if for \$1145 if we willing to book him in 2 schools and share the cost. We decided that the interest was there for all members attending the meeting, but that more research needed to be done. Also, Mr. Meloro will look into having Ms. Tomasio visit the classrooms again to do a presentation about bullying.

L. Michelle Borris made a motion to adjourn; Chris Kontenza seconded it; all were in favor; meeting adjourned.