

## Rock View Elementary PTA

### Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2017

APPROVED

#### I. Introduction

Welcome members

#### II. March Meeting Minutes approved by Mr. Koser, seconded by Rasheda

#### III. Budget/Treasurer Updates by Julie Maxfield

- Budget Report was distributed
- Book Fair- \$1,800 (met goal), \$1,600 donated scholastic funds
- Movie Night-\$200 net from Bake sale towards 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations
- Hersheypark Tickets- net \$500; projecting \$1,000. Orders has been processed. Tickets should be arriving in 15 business days directly to Rock View by UPS (end of April); Julie will either hand deliver them or notify families. Tonight was the last chance to purchase tickets. Forms were made available at meeting
- Proposed budget to move money from community building towards Teacher Minigrants
- Increase Outreach to \$4,500. PTA members approved proposal.
- \$420 funded patrol picnic
- Increase mini-grants by \$500
- Julie will be in communications with 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to prepare budget for the 2017-2018 school year at the end of April/May

#### IV. Announcements/Upcoming Events

\*THANK YOU Rasheda Wilson & Lisa Heiser-Polin for making the Book Fair happen & for dedicating your time & to all the volunteers for contributing as well! Also, THANK YOU Leila Payne & Stacy Van Dyken for coordinating Movie Night! It was a huge success & families really enjoyed the event! And thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work!

- Thurs/Fri, April 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Orientation
  - between 8:30-3pm. No school for Ms. Iyomahan's class. Need volunteers to assist. Sign-up genius to follow.
- Weds, April 26<sup>th</sup>- Family Move Night
- Need parent volunteers to teach Zumba or Salsa & to donate cut-up fruits
- Week of May 1<sup>st</sup>- Staff Appreciation Week
  - "Super Staff Lunch"
  - Need volunteers in various areas such as donating, help serve & clean-up. Signupgenius to follow
- Box Tops- continue to turn them in the office/teachers

- Spirit Wear- continue to sell at events

#### V. School Updates by Principal Mrs. Alexander

- NEW school number permanently changed to 240-740-0920. Please remove the previous number as it will no longer transfer calls to the new number. Parents should have received emails informing of this change. If you did not receive an email, please notify the office as there might be an error in your email addresses
- Thurs, April 6<sup>th</sup>- STEAM Night from 6:30-8pm- There will be various STEAM related workshops for all grade levels. Students should have received a flyer last week
- Fri, April 7<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL; Report Card preparations
- Fri, April 7-17<sup>th</sup>- SPRING BREAK; NO SCHOOL, students return on Tues, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Thurs, April 20<sup>th</sup>- Enivron Drums Spring assembly during the day. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will go on “See the Titans” tour @ Albert Einstein HS during the morning. There will be a showcase of all the Arts programs! Einstein HS will provide bus transportation
- Sat, April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Family Field Trip- Spring clean-up at Joseph’s Branch off Dewey Rd. Families will walk to the creek then return to school for a Pot Luck lunch. RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips were available at meeting.
- Tues, April 25<sup>th</sup>- In-school field trip about bread. Students will learn how Math is applied & will take home ingredients to make their own bread.
- Weds, April 26<sup>th</sup>- Field Day **during school**. Flyers will be distributed after Spring Break. Mr. Moran needs volunteers during the day. Please email Mr. Moran at [Kevin S Moran@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kevin_S_Moran@mcpsmd.org) if you’re interested  
**6-7:15pm- Family Move Night-** This exciting event is a part of “Every Healthy Kid” Week! There will be various indoor/outdoor games (If weather permits). Children will participate in the “Taste the Rainbow” challenge where they get to sample a fruit/vegetable from each color group. For ex: Green: Arugula (grown directly from our school’s garden! Packaged seeds as a reward for children. Our school applied for and won the fruit & Vegetable Tasting (thank you Dena!) Volunteers are needed to teach classes such as Pilates, Zumba, etc. Please email Mrs. Lynam @ [Alana V Lynam@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Alana_V_Lynam@mcpsmd.org)
- May- PARCC Testing for grades 3-5<sup>th</sup> begins in early May. More details to come from Mrs. Alexander
- Foldscopes (Microscope Technology)- 100 water-proof/portable/pocket-sized paper microscopes have been ordered/ 180 additional microscopes should arrive in August for the 2017-2018 school year for grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Lucas McCormley & Mrs. Alexander! For more information visit: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/276738145/foldscope-the-origami-paper-microscope>
- Staffing Changes are pending for the 2017-2018 school year

#### VI. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Updates

- Dena mentioned that they are still discussing plans for graduation & ceremony. Students were given a survey to name 3 people that they would like as guest speakers during the graduation. Mr. Perry is the top contender.
- Memory Books- Q/As from 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be submitted in the yearbooks as well as pictures from past and recent events. If you have pictures from events, please email Mrs. Payne

- Party- same day as Rock View Rocks (June 9) PTA is in charge of AM lunch & yearbook signing

#### **VII. Growth Mindset Presentation**

- Presentation was created by Mrs. Alexander, Donna Arrendell, Margret Bower, Alayna Lynam & Jake Russo. Mrs. Alexander & Mrs. Arrendell discussed the difference between a “Fixed Mindset” and a “Growth Mindset”. They provided different examples on what parents can say to encourage kids to expand their options. As students get older their perception of a fixed mindset increases to Growth Mindset. Handouts on different examples, a list of many Children’s Picture books & adult books were distributed. Mrs. Arrendell shared that her class engages in class meetings to discuss growth mindset, how to problem solve, how to embrace the problem, to enjoy the process of having the problem and that there are many ways to solve a problem. Teachers share that class meetings occur regularly in their classrooms. Some books from the list were made available for viewing. A video clip from “The Pursuit of Happiness” was used as an example. If you would like to view the presentation, please email Mrs. Lynam or Lisa.
- Websites: [www.MindsetWorks.com](http://www.MindsetWorks.com) (Parenting strategies), [www.ThinkFun.com](http://www.ThinkFun.com) ( kids games for reasoning & perseverance)
- Books (for parents): “Mindset” by Carol Dweek, “How Children Succeed” by Paul Tough, “Drive” by Daniel Pink

#### **VIII. Action items:**

- Nominations needed for 2017-2018 school year at our next PTA meeting in May. Nominations are needed for all positions.
- Chairperson/co-chair needed for: Readathon, Book Fair, Picnic planning & Multicultural Night. These events do not happen unless we contribute. If you have any questions, please email Lisa

**\*Next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tues, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Media Center\***

