

## Rock View ES PTA

### Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

#### I. Introduction

Welcome members, majority of Rock View Staff was present

#### II. February Meeting Minutes approved by Betsy, seconded by Rasheda

#### III. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- March 8<sup>th</sup>- Spring Pictures
  - Only students who returned their order form will have pictures taken
  - Order forms were made available during meeting
- March 13-17<sup>th</sup>- Jump Rope for Heart (during gym time)
  - Students have until 3/17<sup>th</sup> to turn in donations to Mr. Moran
- March 20-24<sup>th</sup>- Spring Book Fair/March 22<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm- Family Night Book fair
  - Biggest fundraiser left of the year!
  - Fall Book Fair- took almost all scholastic dollars
  - Spring Book Fair- take more cash vs. scholastic dollars
  - No bake sale/food for purchase available
  - SSL hours available; Lisa & Rasheda will coordinate but need volunteers during the day as well as during Family Night; signupgenius coming soon!
- March 31<sup>st</sup>- Movie Night from 7-9pm
  - Movie: "Moana"
  - Possibly food from Jersey Mike's (food will be available before 7pm)
  - Bake Sale
- April 6<sup>th</sup>- STEAM Night
- April 26<sup>th</sup>- Field Day- During school hours
- April 26<sup>th</sup>- Family Move Night (evening)
  - Students can participate in "Taste the Rainbow" Taste Test
  - Prizes/favors/raffles available such as orange peeler, seed packets, etc. If you have any ideas, please see Dena
  - Currently submitting another grant
  - Dena/Mrs. Lynam & Mrs. Alexander will be announcing/send home health messages, spread the word!
- April 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Orientation (8:30-11am)
  - Inform friends, neighbors who have children who will be turning 5 yrs old by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to register
  - Need volunteers to greet/welcome new kindergarteners/parents, parent register, tour & take pictures of future Roadrunners!
  - Sign-up sheet was passed around, signupgenius coming soon!
- May- ELVES Night- 2 weeks prior to May 26<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the Art Show
- May 26<sup>th</sup>- Art Show (Coordinate by Mrs. Payne/PTA)

- Framed student artwork will be available for parents to purchase
- \$400 goal
- Forms of payment: credit cards, post-sale (upcharge included)

#### **IV. Committee Updates**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade committee
  - Graduation will be on 6/15<sup>th</sup> at Albert Einstein HS
  - Party- will serve pizza
  - Ceremony-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be present during celebration/ceremony
  - Have 4<sup>th</sup> graders volunteer to help, recruit 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents to assist during celebration so current 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/graduates can partake in celebrating
  - Memory Book- Ask 5<sup>th</sup> graders to come up with ideas on guest speakers
  - Volunteers needed, sign up genius coming soon!
- Health/Wellness committee
  - “Every Kid Healthy Week”- last week of April
  - Grant from previous year was used towards- \$500 towards building the school’s garden
  - P.E. exercise component- \$500 was spent on open gym during non-busy days; students can use special equipment

#### **V. Budget Updates**

- \$265 raised from Bingo Night Bake Sale for 5<sup>th</sup> graders/ \$2,700 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee
- Encourage teachers to submit for reimbursements, over \$2,000 teacher reimbursements
- Box Tops- continues to send
- Restaurant Night- TBD
- Not much has changed...
- New fundraiser: Hershey Park tickets! Earn \$4/adult ticket. \$400 goal. One ticket/per family. Accept checks; no cash. Credit card purchase available by email (paypal invoice will be sent)
  - Turn in forms on Mon, 4/3<sup>rd</sup> in PTA box/office
- Multicultural Night- Thank you Tabitha & volunteers! Probably one of our best years!

#### **VI. Principal Updates (Mrs. Alexander/Mrs. Lynam)**

- Glad to be back! Thank you to Mrs. Lynam for taking her place as principal intern!
- WTOP “Click for Kids”- Starts March 6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
  - \$15,000 Grand Prize, \$10,000 first place, \$5,000 second place prize
  - Voters over age 13 can submit their votes once per day/every day until 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Only one email address per voter otherwise school will be disqualified
  - Follow link on twitter or [www.wtop.com](http://www.wtop.com) , search “kids”
  - Funds will be used towards school related events, activities & partnership
- Sick kids- there are a lot absences due to sickness, most in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
  - Building services are diligently sanitizing school

- A letter is being sent home to parents regarding sick protocol. If your child has a fever, please have your child stay home to prevent spread. Letter also available during meeting
- Special Education Survey available. Survey was mailed home to those affected. May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- Testing- Grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>
  - MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) will replace MSA for school
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to take
  - An hour duration which includes constructive response, multiple choice & matching
  - Letter coming home tomorrow (March 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - A copy of testing schedule is available in office, next weekly newsletter
  - Once testing is completed, there will be make-up dates posted
  - Testing is mandatory, if you do not wish for your child to partake in the test, please speak with the central office for further questions or email Mrs. Alexander so she can forward your questions.
- Communications from Friday's incident report involving school bus driver
  - No further details are available other than what was specified in Friday's letter to parents. The investigation is ongoing.
  - Newport Mill MS/Albert Einstein HS, KAH & building services has been informed as well
  - Mrs. Eley (school counselor) was present during meeting. There will be lessons included in the curriculum throughout the year for every age group K-5<sup>th</sup> grade about personal body/space. How to spread awareness for kids. Provided tips for talking to kids (handouts were available during meeting)
  - Community is very supportive. Teachers did an outstanding job on keeping topic contained. The incident was reported immediately & the bus driver was immediately placed on administrative leave once MCPS was aware of the allegations.
  - Some buses do have cameras. Working on having cameras installed on older buses for safety within the next 3 years.
  - Patrol duties were discussed as well.

#### **VII. Action items/ Future PTA presentations**

- Mrs. Paik needs help putting library books away; see Mrs. Paik
- Special Microscope technology presentation for grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>
- "Growth Mindset" presentation-April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Nominations in May
- "What your \_\_\_\_ (next grade child will learn/should know)- April 4<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm \*\*\***

