

ROYAL OAKS PTA Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Chelsie Kolnik

Attendees: Chelsie Kolnik, Miquette Bethke, Moira MacKay-Brown, Vicki Waldo, Shannon Bensed, Erica Reistad, Lindsey Lobner, Colleen DeWitt, Holly Johnson, Lauren Stordahl, Susan Risius

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and thank you for coming to our February PTA meeting. It's great to see so many faces coming back. Just a reminder: our meetings are pretty flexible. You can always come late or leave early if you need!

Approve last meeting's minutes: Motioned to approve by Colleen DeWitt; 2nd by Shannon Bensed

Principal Update:

Sign up for conferences go live tomorrow (Feb 12th)

Conferences are March 2nd and 5th

Drop off/Pick up procedures are going well. Signs, cones, and additional helpers have helped.

No school Feb 14th, 17th, or 18th.

Teacher Update:

Thanks for the Bal-a-Vix!! Many teachers have already started using them in the classroom.

Treasurer Report: (See 10/8/19 Treasurer Report for more details):

Correction to last month's report: we have about \$92 in concession sales for Fall Party.

Community nights have continued to improve. The last Chuck E Cheese's night was especially good!

Had a few pledges paid since last newsletter.

Upcoming expenses: Roller Skating, Spring Carnival, flowers in May.

New Business: Fundraising Possibilities: Over the past few years we have seen a decline in pledges for our school. This year we decided to give it one more try and see if educating parents through our newsletter, in person chats during assessments and setting a goal could help boost our results. As it sits right now we are at about \$7,000 of our \$10,000 goal. We do not think that we will be making our goal this year and need to explore fundraising options for the future. Chelsie thinks the dynamic of the school has changed and could do well with a Fun Run or Read-a-thon type event. We will be looking into Fun Runs, Read-a-thons, 'My Best Me' weeks and will be meeting with school staff to get a plan for next year.

Previous Business:

Buddy Bench Update: Climate team would like the buddy bench for this spring so Chelsie is working with them and the district to figure out where it is going to go and what type of installation will be needed.

School Supplies Update: Chelsie wanted to re-evaluate the school supply ordering process through School Toolbox. This program has always been available as a convenience to families with very little funds being raised. If the program was used to make sure some of the lower income families had supplies then we should not make this process a fundraiser but if not Chelsie believes we should add money to each box so we bring in additional funds. She sent a survey to staff to see if they believed the students who ordered their supplies through School Toolbox this year would still have had school supplies on the first day if this option was not available. Staff believed the majority of students would still have school supplies if this was not offered. With that research this year we will be adding around \$5 to the price of the box and making it a fundraiser.

Royal Explorers Day: We have just heard that Royal Explorer Day planning is under way and again this year staff will be able to request supplies for their lessons and the PTA board will review the requests and notify them what was approved.

Committee Updates:

- a. Book Fair - Volunteer list filled up very quickly! The \$5 off \$20 purchase certificates for teachers can not be combined with the scholastic dollars. Vicky will do the poster picture board again!
- b. Staff Dinners – The sign up for staff dinners went out last week and has a few sign ups filled in. This time around we will be getting Ronnally's for one day and we will be doing more of a picnic theme for the other day.
- c. Silent Auction – We have had a lot of donations and hope to get lots more. Holly was able to get us 600 achievement awards (one for each student) from Raising Cane's that we can use possibly around testing or field day.
- d. Spring Carnival – Chelsie has done some research into Spring Carnival and has a good plan started. Culver's will be bringing frozen custard to sell!
- e. Craft Night – Friday, April 10 or Friday, April 24 – do either of those dates work with people to schedule a craft night? Chelsie will check on the 24th to see if the building is available.

Chelsie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm and Moira seconded it.