

Rogers-Herr Year Round Middle School

PTA General Body Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2013 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by President, Kim Deck, who welcomed everyone. Kim also requested information regarding options during intercession particularly for parents who are new to the year round schedule. Parent Kelly Adams volunteered to share information she has collected with Mr. Rosenberg who will post the info on the RHMS web site.

Guest Speaker/Presentation: Two teachers, Jennifer Aguliar and Rebecca Myers presented information regarding Common Core Curriculum and testing. For math, the testing will involve grid responses and students are working on this. It is anticipated that the computer software called "Smarter Balanced" will be used in Spring 2015 to transition away from EOG's as we know them now. Critical thinking is more the focus for both math and language arts and there is a lot more reading in math than previously. Grammar and vocabulary are important in Common Core, but they are not always taught in isolation. Cumulative Assessment tests are really used for the teachers to assess whether or not the students have a good understanding of the information just taught. Mr. Rosenberg has the lexile scores for the most recent cumulative assessments taken. There are many unknowns during this transition time, but teachers are doing their best to teach the material regardless of the type of exam that will be administered at the end of the year.

Presidents Points: Kim Deck distributed and reviewed minutes from the December meeting. Minutes were approved.

Membership: We currently have 138 members in the PTA and are happy to accept new members if anyone is interested.

Treasurer's Report: Current budget was reviewed and discussed. We recently provided concessions at the school dance on Feb 15, 2013 and this was a worthwhile endeavor.

Fundraising: The Savings Coupon Book will be distributed Monday, each student will receive one book for twenty dollars, and if the students want to order more, an order form will be included so that more books will be distributed based on the orders. If students do not wish to buy the initial book, return it to the school. This event will end March 14, 2013. Prizes for the most funds raised are popular, especially a video game party and the hamster ball.

Wellness: We hope to have an event in April - more information to come.

Cool Cash: We have begun a competition for collecting box tops— please participate as you are able. There will be a winning prize for the grade level that collects the most box tops. Also, please remember to link your Harris Teeter, Kroger and Target Red Card to our school.

Hospitality: The Christmas Breakfast for the staff was successful and much appreciated. We will have something during Teacher Appreciation Week, usually in May. Please watch for email or visit the school web site for ways that you can contribute to this event.

Communications: We are using email, web site, text messages and Connect Ed to disseminate information as much as possible.

General Body PTA Meeting: May, 2013 @ 6:30 PM in conjunction with the Book Fair. (Cafeteria)

Executive Board Meeting: March 4, 2013 @ 6:30 PM (Media Center) All are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Walker