



# MINUTES

## Rogers-Herr Middle School

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*Date | time* 9/9/2013 6:40 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Kim Deck

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### Quorum Check

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There were enough Officers in attendance to have a quorum.

### President's Report

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There was a PTA Training class where a discussion was made on political issues specific to 501 (c ) (3) or non-profit organizations. The training was to make sure that the PTA knows who and what they can/cannot represent when it comes to politics.

The NCPTA and the Durham Council hosted a training session for PTA organizations across the state. The Durham session was held on September 10, 2013 5pm -8pm. An executive board member and a general body PTA member attended. Topics include; History, Importance of Our Education System, Strengthening Advocacy Skills and PTA Leadership.

The executive board was encouraged to apply for a Target Red Card where there is a savings of 5% on all purchases. A link from your Red Card to Rogers Herr for a percentage to go the school is also available.

### Principal Remarks

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Mr. Fuga reported on the Parents Access website. There is frustration across the board because some parents do not have ID's, there are also parents that are separated and do not live in state who would like to access their kids information. Mr. Fuga reached out to his direct report for help with the issue. The website has been down a lot due to the fact the entire state is trying to access the website, however, most parents are supportive of the website.

The first school dance of the year was a huge success. 300+ kids attended the dance. The dance was opened up to Lakewood since some of their athletes play with Rogers Herr. Rogers Herr recently received in partnership with Lakewood a donation from National Pawn. \$1000 was donated to redo or buy instruments. Refurbished instruments were also donated from them as well. This donation was in conjunction with Lakewood and Lakewood put the ball in motion to include us. Mr. Fuga wanted to make sure he repaid the favor by inviting them to the school dance. The dance cleared \$1500 not including concessions.

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## Officers Report

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

PTA enrollment – 145 members have signed up.

There will be a membership drive October 14 – November 1<sup>st</sup>. Principal Fuga will mention this membership drive at the staff meeting. The team with the most Parent/Teacher enrollments will be rewarded with a pizza party. Our PTA communications member will write up the announcement for ConnectEd.

More teachers have joined the PTA this year. Ms. Clinton has offered to be the liaison between the teachers. She was given a list of reasons as to why teachers should join. Teachers could be rewarded with a small token of appreciation once they join.

### **Treasurer**

There was not a change to the dollar amount on the 2013-2014 budget. The fundraising line item was overstated because it was showing gross vs. net and it was throwing off the ending balance which wasn't tying with the beginning balance. Once the mistake was found, the adjustment was made.

A Call Meeting that was held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> based on the feedback at the last General Body Meeting. The Call Meeting was to vote on the budget but there were not enough members to approve the budget. The members that were there did vote. An email will go out to encourage all members to come by the school office to cast their vote. This will be encouraged so that PTA can close out the budget.

There was a discussion about teacher's not using funds that are in the budget. A PTA member has volunteered to create a survey and/or suggestion box for the teachers to find out how to better serve them with those funds.

The PTA will continue to manage the concessions during football games.

There is a Pay Pal account for direct donations including paying the PTA Membership. What are the fields you can use to make those donations? To learn more about how the Pay Pal account works, an executive board member will make a direct donation through Pay Pal and another member will make a direct donation through the DPS online pay system. The findings of both will be discussed at the next executive board meeting.

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## Committee Reports

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### **Fundraising**

The first football game is coming up. The PTA is ready to serve food along with healthy alternatives at concessions.

An October date is needed for dine out/spirit night at Moe's Southwest Grill located across from Southpoint Mall. A suggestion was made to include another Moe's location for the same night that would allow for families that are in that area to attend instead of all families going to one place. That idea will be looked into and reported at the next meeting.

Wheels Fun Park was suggested for the November spirit night.

Dine out/spirit night is on schedule for December at Chick Fil A.

Boosterthon Fun Run is 2 week labor intensive project. The group will be invited to come to one of our board meetings to give a presentation the first or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. Boosterthon is a very lucrative fundraising event which could greatly benefit the school.

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## Committee Reports, cont...

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A contact has been selected for creating spirit wear. The PTA has very little spirit wear left, however, we do not want to bump heads with other departments when selling spirit wear. A separate meeting with the fundraiser chairperson, President and spirit wear contact to discuss spirit wear items.

### **Cool Cash**

Few box tops are being turned in. There will be a competition to see what team can bring in the most box tops through November. The Cool Cash chairperson will send the information to communications to get the word out about the competition. It was suggested that a visual is needed in the hallway to spur on the students. Clear containers were suggested to sit in the hallway near the main office so that everyone could see the progress of each team. To get the teams more involved a suggestion was made to decorate each container.

### **Hospitality**

A form is being created for teachers to fill out saying what their interests are for teacher appreciation. In the past the PTA has done a Holiday Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation. This school year the PTA would like to celebrate Administrative Professionals Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Teacher Appreciation May 6 – 10 and National Principal Appreciation Day, May 1st. For the Teacher Appreciation Day, everyone is invited.

### **Parent Involvement**

Michelle Hughes has volunteered to serve in the capacity of Parent Involvement.

### **Communication**

Where is the help needed to communicate to the parents, students, teachers? Is the help more focused school wide or PTA based? What is the scope? Everyone was in agreement that consistency is very important. Make the website user friendly. Sub sites that pop up can be problematic. Most of the time, it is very disconnected. Every department wants their own website which makes it harder for the parents. If we had a method of linking the different sub sites to the Rogers Herr website, information would be easier to find.

The Communications chairperson will set up a meeting with the Web Master to come up with ideas that will help the website become user friendly.

It was also noted that the DPS calendar is used by very few schools and most of the time there is nothing on the calendar. There is also no link from the School web site to the DPS calendar which can give parents the wrong impression. Consensus was made that the parents should go the school's website instead of going to DPS and then trying to link to the schools website.

The marquee in front of the school is a great tool for communicating. There are some tracks that are broken. There is money in budget to get the tracks fixed and the communications chairperson will look into how to get the marquee fixed.

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## Next Meeting

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10/14/2013 6:30 PM, Rogers-Herr Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.