



MINUTES

Rogers-Herr Middle School

Date | time 10/14/2013 6:45 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Kim Deck

Quorum Check

There were enough Officers in attendance to have a quorum.

President's Report

The President participated as a representative of Rogers-Herr in a meeting with the Durham Council PTA. The Durham Council PTA unites all the local units to work together in partnership with DPS and NCPTA. All PTA councils roll into the state. The units are the PTA's of each one of the schools. The units roll up into the Councils. Rogers-Herr rolls up into the Durham Council PTA. Our PTA pays dues which is \$30 which is paid November 1st of every year. Most PTA boards thought they rolled into the NCPTA, but that's not the case. If there is a problem or the board needs an answer to an issue or concern, the PTA would typically contact the NCPTA but the Durham Council PTA is there to help as well. Durham Council PTA is supposed to facilitate each of the PTA's but there is not really definition of what that is. It's not included in the by-laws, so it becomes the leadership's responsibility to define how they want to support the PTAs. Unfortunately, the President of the Durham Council PTA left this past year which made the Durham Council PTA a little bit lacking and so were the efforts of the organization. The focus of the meeting turned into finding a president and a treasurer. Ann Reback has stepped up to become President of the Durham Council PTA. There was also a discussion about having a working session where the representatives of the Durham PTA will come together in the computer lab here at Rogers-Herr, November 1st and put all the pertinent information in the system (taxes, submit names into the Roster.) This will be helpful because there are some PTAs where that doesn't happen. This session will make sure that the information is correct, on time, etc.

The PTA would like to make a donation towards a memorial/scholarship fund in the name of Coach Hemphill's son Tyreic. The athletic department in conjunction with the school is setting up a memorial/scholarship fund and we may incorporate the PTA donation with that. Principal Fuga will find out more information and get that information to the PTA.

There will be a Club/Showcase night on Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Every organization including sports will set up a booth in the foyer. This will give students the ability to ask about how each club works, when they meet, the benefits, how to sign up. A suggestion was made to create a section on the website that has all the club information. Put the pictures on the website from last year. The PTA will need help with the coordination of Club Night. Kim will send the pictures from last year to Susan so that she can get those on the website when communicating about Club/Showcase Night. A suggestion was also made to have the Jazz Band or Chorus perform. Principal Fuga will reach out to the elementary schools inviting students/families of 5th graders. Each booth will have something (food and/or give away) for their table.

President's Report cont....

Ms. Skinner is selling Rogers-Herr bracelets to purchase a mascot. She is asking the PTA to help with the selling of the bracelets at the concession stands and games. She is getting very little support and very few buyers. The PTA would like to start a dialog in donating money towards the effort so that the school can purchase the mascot faster than its taking. There was also discussion about collaboration between Athletics, PBIS and PTA to purchase the mascot.

Principal Remarks

Principal Fuga is asking for different places for parents who are looking for suggestions to send their kids during intersession. Susan will compile a list Intersession options, possibly those options on the website.

Officers Report

1st Vice President

There are 156 members which is more than we had last year. However, we need more members. Currently the membership is a follows:

Navigators – 44

Voyagers - 34

Pioneers - 22

Pathfinders – 15

Explorers – 14

Dreamseekers - 17

The membership drive will run until club/showcase night. The word will go out through ConnectED every day that week and the school announcements. The final push will be on Club/Showcase night and the winning team will be announced on Friday, November 8th during school announcements.

The winning team will receive Ice Cream Sundae's and \$5 gift cards for the teachers on that team.

Treasurer – Nothing to present.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Aretha has been running all of the concessions which have been a success. She is working on spirit nights. There has not been a definitive date set for Moe's Sprit Night. Many suggestions for spirit night were having a popular teacher be the greeter at Moe's, mystery person dressed as the mascot, mystery teacher as helpers at the restaurant.

Un-fundraiser – Some parents don't really like the idea of giving money and not getting anything in return. You could give T-Shirts for \$25+. Maybe focus on 1 quarter. Susan to get with Aretha to talk about the possibly of doing this.

Cool Cash - Currently running right now. Cool Cash not going really fast, but updates to come.

Hospitality

Snack day for the teachers was a suggestion. Details are still being ironed on how to go about doing that. Celebrating the teacher's birthday in a quarter was another suggestion by having a cake at the faculty meetings. Mr. Fuga did mention that this is already being done at the faculty meeting.

Working with Ms. Thompson to get staff information sheets distributed to each one of the teachers. The information sheet is asking for very basic information such as favorite foods, snacks, your birthday, etc. This information will be helpful to parents who are looking for ideas for teacher gifts. There would be a binder in the front office that parents have access to gather this information.

The hospitality committee is currently looking for more people to join the team. The executive board will receive the list that was generated from the 1st PTA general body meeting that had a list of parent volunteers so that phone calls can be made to parents to see who would be interested in helping on the hospitality committee or on any committee as needed. Susan also suggested having a bi-monthly PTA communication letter so parents can find out what we are doing as a team. All are in agreement that we need a bi-weekly communication tool to push our fundraisers a little bit more so it won't get lost in the overall communication that goes out.

Gilda will create a list of monthly activities the upcoming year and send to executive board. Every opportunity that we can give something to the teachers; we would like to jump on getting that accomplished. A suggestion was made to try to do something special each time the teachers come back from intersession as a welcome back.

Parent Involvement

The PTA will use the PTA volunteer list from the 1st General Body Meeting to see if the PTA can put together a team for the Parent Involvement.

Communication

There will be a meeting with Dov this week to talk about managing a schedule in getting information on the sign. Susan will also talk to him about PTA communications. The marquee also needs to be repaired. Susan will call a couple of schools to find out who erected their signs to possibly get a contact as to who can fix the marquee.

Next Meeting

11/4/2013 6:30 PM, Rogers-Herr Media Center

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. and was passed unanimously.