



# MINUTES

## Rogers-Herr Middle School

*Date | time* 3/27/2014 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Kim Deck

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### Quorum Check

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There were enough PTA General Body Members in attendance to have a quorum.

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### President's Report

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Davesene Lawson, Sharon Walker and Tamiko Sanders has volunteered to be on the PTA nominating committee to handle electing the PTA Executive Board which consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. To gain a list of those who are interested, the committee must go out and begin asking parents if they would be interested in being on the PTA board. The parents must be a current member of the PTA. If someone is interested and has not paid their dues, all they have to do is become current on their dues. There is no time limit on how long you serve on the board. The deadline for parents who are interested is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The names must be collected by then so that if the committee is short on interested parents it gives the committee time to gather more names. Notify the board through email by April 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will present the slate to the entire board at the May 8<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting. Presentation of the slate does not conclude who is going to be put on the executive board. Future six grade parents will be at the next General Board PTA meeting, May 8. The goal in inviting the six grade parents is so that they can see how our PTA operates. We can gain PTA members at that time and also we want to get six grade parents as officers. If someone from the floor wants to nominate themselves or be nominated by someone, the General Body Meeting will be the place to do that.

Someone from the School District was supposed to attend this General Body Meeting to speak about Read to Achieve but there was a school board meeting tonight where they are actually making numerous presentations about the Read to Achieve Program. There is a huge volunteer piece that is going to be attached to Read to Achieve. You can pull Read to Achieve information from the DPI website. Read to Achieve is a new law that came into effect as of July 2012. The law says that a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student who scores at Level 1 or 2 at the end of grade reading exam given in May or June can be retained. The parents will have two options if this happens with their child. The first option is that they can fall into **the good cause exemption** and they will be excused. The second option is that they must attend a summer reading camp. At the May 8<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting, someone will be here from the School District to talk about Read to Achieve. There is a big literacy summit on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where the District is trying to get as many volunteers as possible to come out and support this initiative. There is going to be a big push to engage PTA members with the program. You can register for the summit. Visit the DPS website under "Services" "Academics" for more information.

Executive PTA Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday every month unless school is out. Our next executive board meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## Principal Remarks

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Testing begins Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> and the school will need proctors. It's a 10 day testing window. Every test needs an educator and a proctor. The more volunteers that Rogers Herr can get, the better. It's a 3 hour volunteer day in the morning. There will be proctor training with roles and responsibilities clearly defined. The PTA will provide snacks in the morning. Please look for emails for registration information which can be done on line. Please remember that you must be a **Registered Volunteer**. Volunteer clearance is for 2 years. Go on line through the DPS school website if you have not registered as a volunteer. A Criminal background check will be conducted, not a credit check.

Power School is up and running. Please sign on and encourage your child to sign on as well.

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## Officers Report

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

Nothing to Report

### Treasurer

Rogers Herr collected \$1300 from the last dance. The PTA has some small donations from United Way. We had sports concessions and hoodie fund raiser which is continuing. Hoodies are \$25 children and \$30 for adults. The hoodies are available to purchase at the front office and they will also be available at the May 8<sup>th</sup> PTA general body meeting. \$7,000 is currently in the bank. Money that has been going out has taken care of Teacher Appreciation, the PTA has money allocated for family night. Pizza was provided back stage to the kids at The Talent Show. EOE lunch was provided to kids that participated. PBIS is having a RAM night. The PTA may join with PBIS and provide funds for them. Spelling Bee and GOB students were surprised with gift cards. The PTA has purchased a popcorn maker which can also generate additional income.

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## Committee Reports

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### Fundraising

The PTA is sponsoring a major fundraiser and the kick off will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at the General Board Meeting. The PTA will ask families to contribute to Rogers Herr and do whatever they can do to give to the school. It will be a one-time donation, it is tax deductible and any amount will help. The PTA is really focused on building the community, showcasing how the smallest amount of money can do so much for the school. If we all pool our resources, as parents, as educators, that supports of this school, we can make a difference. The PTA is trying to raise \$6,000. There will be an online website to donate and parents can share the website with friends and family. 100% of the proceeds will go to the school which will make the school environment richer and better for our children. The fundraiser will run for 3 weeks. We will use the sign in the front of the school to always keep you updated on the amount raised. The PTA will need all the help we can get to, promote the fundraiser, count the money. The theme is "Stepping Up To The plate". The PTA will look into other options to raise money. For Example: Asking the Durham Bull's Community Outreach Program to support us with vouchers for Durham Bulls Tickets, possibly having a dunk tank for Rogers Herr staff members to help raise money. Send email to Susan if you are willing to help.

### **Cool Cash**

Keep cutting the box tops and sending them to the school. Make sure you are packaging them up, put your child's team on the container you are sending the box tops in. Have the kids drop them off in the office. Schools can earn up to \$300/year from box top contribution.

### **Hospitality**

Every month we make sure that the teachers receive a some type of appreciation for all that they contribute to each classroom. The money that you pay for membership is being leveraged as well as the efforts of the PTA .

### **New Business**

The PTA received a request to purchase an IPAD from the Instructional Facilitator. She currently has to borrow an IPAD. Ms. Aguilar sent in a proposal requesting money to buy an IPAD. The PTA Executive Board will go back and look through the budget and see if there is an opportunity to help with the purchase. Ms. Aguilar uses the IPAD to help with each teacher to better equip the students in class.

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## Next Meeting

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- Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm
- Executive Board Meeting: May 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm
- General Body Meeting – May 8, 2014 @ 6:30 pm