

Rodgers Forge Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

6:02 pm

Called to order at 6:02pm

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes (from last meeting) - Nicole Dobbs, Secretary

3. President's report - Jenni Mumford, President
 - a. Wicked Good Time breakfast was very successful. Thankful to the school that we were able to have the event and to everyone for being flexible. Thanks to Whitney Small for coordinating. We had a great showing of food donations and donated cash for coffee.
 - b. Buzzbook- Several people are working on this. Still working on formatting, then will send to printer. Hope to distribute in December
 - c. Spirit Wear- Hoping for delivery and maybe distribution by Thanksgiving.
 - d. Kona Ice- Was rescheduled for this Fri, 11/12, but it's supposed to rain. We will reschedule for another date.
 - e. Current membership number- 207. Teacher/Staff- 24.

4. Treasurer's report - Huong Hill, Treasurer
 - a. Revenue is at \$15200, Expenses \$1500.
 - b. Significant amount of donations for Halloween, so we did not spend all the money on the coffee.
 - c. \$75 hit on issues from last year
 - d. Still significantly short of our revenue projections.
 - e. Chipotle- Made \$700.
 - f. Reduced school store budget by \$500 since we are starting later in the school year.
 - g. Reflections deadline has passed and we did not participate, so we can remove that \$50 line item.

5. Principal's report - Missy Fanshaw, Principal
 - a. Thank you to volunteers for signing up for lunch. Outdoor lunch has been going really well, and they have been making the decision about whether or not to have it around 8am in the morning.
 - b. Testing is almost to the end. The early fall MCAP is done and MAP is almost over. 3rd grade has a new test in December. In January there will be MAP testing for all grades, including Kindergarten.

- c. Drop-off lane- Thank you to all of those using it and paying attention to the drop off lane. Please do not get there early before 8:45 as it causes a back-up for other parents.
- d. Report card distribution- 11/22 and Conference Day is 11/24.
- e. Will be offering the Catch Up Club for 2nd and 3rd quarters after school. Teachers will communicate that information. Start 1st week of December. Minimum one day per week (Tues). Considering holding it Tues/Thurs.
- f. Have been given approval to hold the school store. We can do it as we have previously with multiple classes coming down. Hoping to launch at the beginning of the new year.
- g. Winter concert will be on YouTube.
- h. National Education Week will be canceled virtually. Teachers have come up with alternative ways to show the parents all the wonderful things that the students are doing at school.
- i. There has been no guidance on field trips from the district.
- j. Teachers are open to receiving homemade baked goods for Cookies & Cocoa. Gifts for the teachers during Cookies & Cocoa are not necessary. They do support gifts for the support staff if that is something the PTA would like to do.

6. School Committee Reports -

- a. Ms. Piunti
 - i. Halloween parade- Great turnout and weather. Thank you to all volunteers for classroom parties.
 - ii. Peacemaker House Parties- Have been held indoors and have worked out really well. Students were able to still be spaced out really well. First ever houseparty for Kindergarten. They were enthusiastic and some were nervous, but the older kids did a great job helping out the younger ones. One activity was to create leaves that represented an example of themselves or friendship, and they were all put on trees outside of Ms. Tierney's room. Swag shop worked out really well. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with that. The slinkys were a big hit (they are all gone). Students have earned over 17000 points in Rodger bucks.
- b. Ms. Church
 - i. Thank you for the surprise sundae party on Friday afternoon.
 - ii. The outdoor lunches have been a great success. Thank you for the volunteers for making it possible.
 - iii. Thank you to the volunteer committee for getting in touch with room parents and sharing information. Especially for the Kindergarten parents who are new to the school.
- c. Ms. Paris- Green School Committee
 - i. Became a Green School in 2018. We are working on our renewal after 4 years. This is our second application. Certification is through the Outdoor and Environmental Education. They have cut back on some of the requirements due to the limitations over the last 18 months of Covid.
 - ii. Working to get everything going again after Covid. Designed to enrich education with hands-on, inquiry based instruction.

- iii. 42 students interested in being part of Green School. Kids were divided up into 2 co-horts. Ms. Paris and Ms. Gover are the teachers involved. Kimberly Light and Marik Moen are also actively involved as parents. All teachers are part of Green School as part of their science curriculum.
- iv. Over the past few years, 30 trees were removed that were diseased or dead for safety purposes. The committee is trying to determine where the best places would be to replant trees. Ms. Light is working with the county on this project. The hope is to replant trees in the Spring in places that would be the most useful for the school and community.
- v. Parents can help at home with the BCPS Clean Green Challenge. (ex. Pick up trash on the way to and from school. Let Ms. Paris know and she will log it. Color cycle to recycle markers). www.bcps.org/community/clean_green_15
www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/environment/cleangreen15.html
- vi. Tree planting planning exercise to walk the grounds. Students earned the benefits of trees. Looking for placement for canopy and ornamental trees; however, canopy are not allowed. BCPS is responsible for the cutting down of trees, so we are not able to answer questions about decisions regarding which trees were cut down. Contact Kimberly Light if parents would like to participate.

7. Volunteer report - Tracey Dieter, VP of Volunteers

- a. Thank you to Whitney Small for chairing Wicked Good Time.
- b. Missy Pollard is going to chair Cookies & Cocoa.
- c. An email went to class parents today with a "Favorites" list. We love the idea of making a list for all support staff and non-classroom teachers. Due to county policies, classes cannot collect money to make one large gift card.
- d. Outdoor lunch volunteers have been going well. If outdoor lunch has been cancelled, Ms. Wilson has been calling volunteers. If you are still able to volunteer indoors, that would be good.
- e. We still need event coordinators
 - i. Movie Night (Spring)
 - ii. Book Fair (Spring)
 - iii. Lost and Found Coordinator (Would like to clear some stuff out the week before Winter Break)
 - iv. School Store (4th grade parents)
 - v. Adult Social (Spring)- We need someone to do the logistical side of the event (Location, tickets, etc)

8. Committee & Other reports

A- DEI committee - Kelly Seidel

Did not have Meet and Greet in October outdoors due to weather

B- Family Fun Nights - Beth Prevoneau

Panera Mon 11/15 5-9. Can also order online with a code.

Mod Pizza December

On the Border January

C- Winter Greens

Hailey Harvey has volunteers. Approximately 80 orders. Hoping to do deliveries on Thurs 23rd

Kona Ice- Hot Spots- They can only take students if they can remain in ratio. They will try, and parents can still send in money.

9. Announcements

- a. School Improvement Team meeting virtually. Email Ms. Rowland if you would like to attend.
- b. Next meeting is January 11th at 6:30pm. It will be hybrid. You can attend via Google Meet or in the Library.

10. Adjourn at 7:07

Attendance

Michele Rowland

Missy Fanshaw

Tracey Dieter

Huong Hill

Jenni Mumford

Kelly Seidel

Nicole Dobbs

Amy Piunti

Terry Church

Michelle Paris

Courtney Cook

Hailey Harvey

Laura Burgoyne

Shannon Robinson

Ann Kelley

Monica McGrath

Brian Adair

Therese Ku

Erin Goley

Stephanie Bylkas-Moore

Stephanie Myers

Sarah Roberts

Erica Dezman

Natsuiki Arai