

Ridgeline Elementary PTA Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 9:30am

Excused: Harmony Saunders, Shanna Carroll, Brittiney Gardner,

In attendance: Jen Burke, Melanie Lillian, Jen Fairbanks, Jenelle Haynie, Nicole Miller, Veronica Reginato, Dr Higgins, Julie Matern, Mary Thomas, Elizabeth Sweat

Call to order: Jen Fairbanks - 9:37am

Pledge and thought: Julie Matern

Approval of minutes from August meeting: Julie Matern - motion to approve August minutes - Jenelle, second - Jen Burke

Treasurer's report: Jenelle

Veronica Reginato, council President, provided some training for the treasurer.
i) Never include council or state stuff in numbers, only show Ridgeline's cut. This is a more accurate representation of PTA's actual figures.
ii) Present numbers minus expenses to give accurate impression of actual money made.
iii) Amount needed to run program for the year should be in account at start of year.

Commissioners and chair report

1. President's report: Jen

i) Photo day – enough volunteers.

2. President Elect report: Allison Plummer

3. Principal's report: Dr Higgins

i) Smoother start to school as got all teachers before school started this year and they have all adapted well. Kindy aide had to come from trust fund originally but district are now covering it.
ii) Looking for two more aides, to split 7 hours due to district rule. Advertise this on FB.
iii) Enrollment has stabilized but received a lot of track change requests. This causes too much imbalance so had to turn down some requests. Class sizes great are at best since opened. Dr Higgins worked hard to make this happen. Know when funds are available from experience and so apply for them. District has been very good on class size this year though.

4. Family Life: Melanie

i) Book fair – planning is done just need volunteers. Jen F recommended that we go through Room Moms to contact parents. Announce need on FB
ii) Grandparent's Day – just need volunteers from 9-9:45.am. Members of board volunteered to be there and Nicole Miller. Jill bringing treats in Thursday afternoon. Check with Shannon for food allergies.
Jen F announced that Grandparents Day is being sponsored in part by Fairbanks ortho. We have a banner that will go on fence, it will also be on the flyers that go home. Banners are a big one- time expense that hope will pay dividends in future. Are general and have removable sponsor names.
** Need to send formal receipts to sponsor businesses for their tax records. Include photo of school council with thank you.

iii) Yearbook – Mallory has chosen a company. Trying to keep cost at \$15

iv) Dads and donuts - pricing out

5. Community Involvement:

i) SEP dinners - Texas Roadhouse is providing food for first night, second night soup provided by parent volunteers and bread bowls . Only four volunteers signed up at back to school night. Will use ‘sign-up Genius’ via google docs- it sends reminders and puts event on volunteer’s calendar. Meals at 5:30pm for approx. 45.

6. Individual development:

i) Reflections - Remind Alicia to give final notice about deadline. Entry forms are different this year, make sure kids know

7. Leadership:

i) Activity reports handed out for Open House, Room Mom Tea, Buses. Due back to Harmony Sep 23rd.

8. Fundraising:

i) Carolyn Meyers is the fundraising chair with Christina Paul.
ii) Jen F asked for feedback about using sponsors and banners etc.. as this is new and want to know how parents feel about it. Ensure that parents know sponsors don’t whole event.
iii) Dr Higgins is committed to no school fundraiser this year. This is not the same as the PTA fundraiser – are two separate fundraisers. t. Parent community doesn’t know there is a difference – think all fundraising is for PTA.

9. Other business:

Red Ribbon Week – Need teacher feedback. Know they missed doing posters last year, so are doing those this year, and that they didn’t love the kiva presentations. Dr. Higgins wants the kiva presentations because the issue is important and smaller groups allows the students to ask questions.

i) Door posters – how much time do teachers need?

ii) Doing ‘crazy’ theme days

iii) Re-doing front entry posters with photos of students. Will advertise for photos and state that photos will not be returned. Need help with this. Julie advertise in e-comm and FB.

iv) Planning meeting tomorrow

v) Prize for door poster – Superman on door or window

11. Upcoming events:

Sep	Oct
26 Gparents day	1-2 P/T conf
30 Book Fair	1-3 Book Fair
	13-15 Red Ribbon Week
	24 Dads and donuts K and PK
	24 Reflections due
	31 Halloween parties

Date of next meeting: Tuesday October 21 at 9:30am

Meeting adjourned: 9:38