

# PTA Meeting Minutes October 21, 2014

Excused: Dr. Higgins, Shanna Carroll

In attendance: Jenelle Haynie, Allison Plummer, Stina Van Cott, Jen Fairbanks, Julie Matern, Park, Mallory Livingston, Liz Bell, Harmony Saunders, Wendy Condie, Melanie Lillian

Call to order: Jen F. 9:34 am

Pledge and thought: Mallory Livingston

Approval of September minutes: Julie M Motion to approve: Allison P. Second: Jen Fairbanks

Treasurer's report: Jenelle H

i) Amend budget for Ridgeline Run to \$5000 with \$2000 (10% of projected income) for prizes budget and program fee. .

Motion to amend budget: Jen F, Second: Melanie L. Voting unanimous. **Yeas win.**

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ii) Came in under budget for Grandparent's day.

iii) Took in approx. \$2000 last month

## Commissioners and Chairs reports

1. President's report: Jen F

i) Vote on use of Paypal for Ridgeline Run

Charges are minimal because are non-profit. Would like grandparents and others to be able to donate. This would make it easier.

People do have to create paypal account. Get a receipt.

Motion to vote on using Paypal: Mallory L Second: Stina VC.

Voting unanimous. **Yeas win.**

ii) Run progress/evolution, hire outside help?

Discussion: Fundraiser last year was fun school event last year but **didn't make money**. Need to return to emphasizing as fundraiser. Would return to laps. Pledges and flat donations. We can purchase a program to help incentivize schools that costs 10% of what we make. They will train us in ideas that work in other schools. They believe can help us increase our intake by 6x to \$40000. They encourage Fall fundraisers – parents more willing in fall, especially 6<sup>th</sup> grader parents. Then it's over and done. Our parents are used to spring. School collects money in fall and PTA has to compete with that. One option is to do a different fundraiser this spring and risk it all in fall. If raised that much (\$40 000) would be able to drop the \$20 donation in fall. They ask for no money for rest of year and pay for parties and fieldtrips. The parents know that if they give generously will not have to give any more. Their PTA donates to school: \$6 per student for class and parties, \$8 per student for fieldtrip buses. Tiers - tell parents and students what each tier reached would buy. Incentivizes parents. Combines fundraisers. Give money raised to school as grant for specific event/purpose. Then they can spend it how want for that event/purpose.

Can we do it in spring and then fall just this time to convert to fall? Man power and time to buy and give out prizes. Back to back that would be a lot. Gifts for each level of donations. If raise over \$50 gets a good prize. Other school that used them said would use the system again – absolutely. Still need coordinator. Don't need to create program but need someone to organize. Will actually create more work for PTA but bigger payoff.

Apex – have a group of parents in this area who are anti-Apex and boycott fundraiser. Will make trouble.

5k was very popular and will give it back to school as an activity. PE teacher would head it.

Other schools train for it in PE class. Transparency on funds. **Will do in spring.**

\*\*\*Dr Higgins said that need \$8000 to not have to ask for \$20 donation.

Vote Motion to purchase training program: Jen F , Second: Allison P

Voting was unanimous. **Yeas win.**

iii) Last sponsor banner, thank you .

Reduced price to \$75. End of year banner for main kiva – do we print sponsors or Velcro and use mini banners already have. Velcro better idea as reduces cost in future. Velcro it is.

iv) Reading Program ideas –

Not doing Jazz reading. Need name for new program so can approach businesses for sponsorship. Raccoon Readers? Rockie's Readers?

Emphasis on interschool rewards. Parent coming up with simple on-line minute tracker.

v) Hype up spirit Fridays. –

Rocky will high five those wearing spirit colors at lunchtime and parent volunteer will stamp kids hands. Teachers need to write numbers and percentages on window or will not be counted. Start Rocky this Friday. Don't cover unpaid lunch stamps. Julie M volunteer this Friday.

i) Select nominating committee – Need to have at least three people who nominate people to serve next school year. Need to come to next meeting. Have to be a member for last thirty days. Look up who is a member. Allison P will be one of those. Need people from broad geographical area.

vii) Room parent rather than room mom – **officially change name.** Comment from Harmony – is a time taker for dads when done by grade. Could do it by letter of alphabet instead so dads just need to take one morning off. Too late for this year. Maybe reduce the number of days. Research.

2. Principal's report: Andrea Park

3. Teacher's report: Mrs. Gardner –

i) Thank you for teacher dinner and want recipe for carrot cake. Loved having poster contest back for Red Ribbon Week.

ii) Where can teachers access sign-up sheets? Room mom should have shared that .

iii) Grandparents day huge success. Push parents going if no grandparents. Complaint letter that has been addressed by PTA President. Bottom line is that grandparents love it!

4. Family Life: Melanie i) Dads and donuts - Flyers not quite ready but donuts ordered.

ii) Yearbook – Online + fee purchase only or provide cash alternative? Fee is one time not per order. If parents question can say it is safer way to collect money. They get confirmation number and receipt. We have access to list of people who have already paid. Price – increase? Yes and see if sells well. Won't be option to buy at school. May buy 100 books to sell at end of year – haven't decided on that yet. \$15. Not making any money.

5. Individual Development: Alicia i) Reflections and gallery  
Moved up to 23 for deadline.

6. Leadership Training: Harmony i) Nominating committee – 3 people from different areas of our school.  
Choose these people. Can be done over phone- just one meeting.

ii) Activity report reminder. Due as soon as activity is over. Makes it easier for next person.

7. Other business i) THR - Liz – short on volunteers in some classes. Not getting books swapped out. Kindergarten not too concerned as will send aides to do it. PTA appreciates you.

8. Upcoming events:

Oct 23 Reflections Due

Nov 6 Reflections Gallery

Oct 24 Pre-k, K Donuts  
Oct 31 Halloween parties

Nov 21 Donuts 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 18

Meeting adjourned: 10:38