PTA General Meeting Minutes

Ridgeview Elementary

Thursday, 09 February 2017

1. Call to order – Melynee Finch
* 4:02pm
* In attendance

Lindsey Talbot

Kati Lusk

Shawna Ricks

Tara Baba

Jessica Orinak

Kim O’Connor

Andrea Sharketti

Angie Kelley

Anna Babbitt

Shanna Rica

Mr. A

Christy Ball

Michelle Johnson

Erin Tackitt

Melynee Finch

Marjorie McKeal

1. Revised PTA Contact List/Calendar – Melynee Finch
* Board members have changed - Melynee Finch is now the PTA President and Kati Lusk will be the PTA Vice President. Christy Ball is the new PTA Secretary. Erin Tackitt is the new Watch DOGS coordinator.
* The 2/10, Father/Daughter & Mother/Son event will be canceled for this year. There will be a more inclusive event schedule for next year.
* Free Popcorn will be passed out on 4/28 for EOY Testing. Students do not need to bring in extra money for popcorn, because no extra popcorn will be passed out.
* ***Question***: T. Baba asked, will popcorn be allowed next year? ***Answer***: Maybe the school can do exceptions. Maybe air popcorn can be used. The issue with popcorn is related to a healthy food school initiative – passed by the county. Also, there may be no concession at football games and junk food will be curtailed. For example, Freddie’s Restaurant may be off limits. Funding may be low –more changes will be on staff calendar.
1. Budget – Shawna Ricks
* Every licensed classroom teacher who joined the PTA received a $100 PTA Staff Stipends, plus $30 just to spend. If the money has not be spent. Please try to spend all monies together. Sharing of stipends is allowed. Both teachers must sign the receipt. Inform Shawna Ricks on who to reimburse. Reminder to teachers, all receipts are due by March 16, 2017. Teachers are encouraged to cash checks in a reasonable time. If more time is needed, please contact Shawna Ricks.
* Red Ribbon Week money will be used for test incentives. Donate $160 for dog tags for testing week.
* There was a motion on the floor to spend the $180 donated at the Polar Express to buy printing paper for RVES. It was seconded. Membership voted. Motion passed. S. Ricks will check to see if the PTA can get a discount on the paper.
1. RVES PTA Family Carnival – Melynee Finch
* The Carnival will take place on the 3rd of March 17 from 6-7:30 pm. {this is a fundraiser.}
* The wristbands are $10 for the first student/first child, $8 for each additional child. Adults will not need wristbands.
* Save the dates will go out on 2/13. Presale starts February 20th and ends on February 28th. M. Finch stated that the PTA will need teachers support for the presale. Teachers can decide the best way to conduct presales for the week. M. Finch is willing to collect money every day during the presale week.
* Wristbands can be picked up at the “*Will Call*” table on March 3rd. Wristbands will be sold the night of the event. The “*Will Call*” booth will be set-up in a cubie space in the school’s hallway.
* There are 15 games and one bouncy house. A pizza/hotdog meal and drinks will be sold in the cafeteria. Each kid will get a punch card instead of tickets. There will be a card redemption center for the children to get prizes.
* Set-up will be in the gym, cafeteria and hallways. Teachers are welcomed to volunteer. However there will be volunteers.
* It was stated that teachers don’t receive the newsletters. M. Finch asked C. Ball to forward the newsletter after Cindy Martin sends them out.
1. AIMS Night Silent Auction – Kati Lusk
* Will take place on May 4, 2017. Donations big or small will be accepted. Though they didn’t think it would make money, the auction made $700 last year.
* It was suggested that the teachers give up one of their lunch breaks to have lunch with the students. Suggestions for the auctions are needed. Theme baskets for each grade level/teacher are requested. For example, movie night, Disney, or a sports theme. Parents can donate to classrooms baskets. The PTA will help. K. Lusk is the main contact. Erin will send out the Sign-up Genius.
1. Membership – Lindsey Talbot
* Membership is at 100%. The PTA membership drive was a big success! Male membership doubled this year. Anyone can still become a member until May 11, 2016.
1. Miscellaneous
* The deadline to collect BoxTops and receive money for the year is February 14, 2017. The deadline for the grade level competition is April 14, 2017. Suggestions for prizes are needed.
* Watch DOGS is not generating a lot of interests, however there is an important need. Erin Tackett will take over as the new coordinator. Teachers are needed to help promote. A background check is needed to be a Watch DOGS volunteer. Many volunteers are not able to stay a whole day. It was suggested that Watch DOGS volunteers could stay half of the day. Marjorie McKeal stated that a whole day of volunteering is recommended, but if a volunteer can only do half day that is better than nothing.
1. What’s Next – Kati Lusk
* Deadline for yearbook is in April: TBA. The cover has been chosen. Pictures are needed for field trips, music/arts awards. Teachers/parents can send in pictures. The yearbook company will add students retake pictures. The yearbook will cost $20. Email pictures to RidgeviewElementaryPTA@gmail.com K. Lusk is the POC.
* School Portal supply list is needed. Deadline: TBA. It is not a big fundraiser. However, it is a great services for parents. The supplies come from Staples. Staples have a strict deadline. The supplies are good quality.
* PTA General Meeting will be in May, 2017: TBA. The Election for the 2017-2018 PTA Board will be held.
1. Adjournment
* 4:55pm