

# Roguewood Elementary PTO MINUTES

January 17, 2023



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## Attendees:

Camey Brown (President), Becky Norris (Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator), Tina Worrall (Events Coordinator), Megan Stelzer (Secretary), Teya Cotter (Principal), Amie Santillan (SI Dean), Heather Berkenpas, Kristen Beals, Amanda Glover, Rachael Macklin (5th grade), Gina Copeland (2nd grade), Liz Gear, Kari Hady, Mary Ward

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Camey Brown
- Staff Reports- Gina Copeland (2nd grade Traditional) and Rachael Macklin (5th grade Traditional) -
  - Trad 1st grade- comparing numbers & adding 2 digit numbers, great growth with new phonics program & reading. Field trips coming to Grand Rapids Museum Planetarium, Recycling Center and Zoo
  - SI 1st grade- El Puente Celebration planned for April 27th for parents, 100th Day of school on Feb 1, excited about STEM challenges
  - 2nd grade- Loved the FMG field trip to see Christmas Around the World, Excited for Blanford field trip. SI enjoying opinion writing. Traditional are piloting a new writing program to learn basics of sentences and are starting opinion writing.
  - SI 3rd grade- metric measurement & multiplication, informational reading & writing, Starting animal research clubs, MI history. Enjoying using a new math program in Spanish- Dreambox
  - Trad 3rd grade- multiplication, poetry unit and MI history

- SI 4th grade- multi-digit multiplication, Figurative language & literary essays, moving from Immigration to Economics in SS. Hoping to go on a tubing field trip.
- Trad 4th grade- FRACTIONS! Reading Hatchet in book groups & Traditional Literature, Government including a project in passing a law, Persuasive writing
- SI & Trad 5th grade- Decimals & multiplying/dividing fractions, figurative language, Colonization in the US, Ecosystems & Food Webs
- Student Council- Students participate in Monday morning announcements & collecting recycling. They will be hosting a Board Member for an appreciation luncheon to ask questions about their role in the community. Service project in March with Kids Food Basket.
- Spanish Immersion Report- Amie Santillan
  - Ferris State classes have started at the high school with Ferris professors teaching. These count toward college credit.
  - Testing will be started at different grade levels for Spanish proficiency
- Principals Report- Teya Cotter
  - An exciting new reading program for Roguewood will be starting next week- “One Book One School”. This has been done at Valley View for several years. All families and staff will be reading the same book and will take part in daily trivia questions and fun events. Teezers will start next week with books going out to everyone.
  - A new grant is being submitted for a book vending machine where all kids can get new books.
  - Spelling Bee for top 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be held on Thursday (1/19). Great job to the students who qualified.
  - Battle of the Books is being held this Friday (1/20). Eight 5th grade students read a list of 10 books and will compete against other Rockford elementary schools.  
**\*\*Update\*\* Roguewood got first place!**
  - Outdoor Learning Area- We have been approved for half of the grant requested to build a new area for learning in our wooded property. Mike Edwardson, a Head Watch Dog, is volunteering to lead the team to make the project happen. He will be requesting Watch Dog volunteers to start construction this spring. We will also be looking for sponsors. We are so excited for this opportunity for our kids!
- ISAC Report- Heather Berkenpas went over the updates from the November meeting.
  - Non-homestead millage passed at the November election. This accounts for 7% of the general fund which is the salary of 80 teachers. Thank you!

- New board members were also elected in November- Tricia Anderson, Jarrod Folsom, Barbara Helms, Christie Ramsey
- Bond updates include the new elementary opening in Fall 2024, new scoreboard in the HS gym, updates at Crestwood Elementary, new classrooms and air conditioning at NRMS. Redistricting planning has started but has not been released. Plans for a new gym at Roguewood have been finalized. The old gym will become the cafeteria. It will be complete in Fall 2024.
- Treasurer's Report- The updated Financial Report was provided for review. Revenue from Box-tops was received in January at \$188.50 which is more than in recent years. Thanks for participating! The updated Budget is always available on the PTO website on the [About](#) page.
- New business
  - Conference Meals- Spring conferences will be February 27th and March 1st. A Sign-Up Genius email will be going out looking for food contributions. Teachers are very appreciative!
  - Little Free Library- The library outside Roguewood had a broken door right before winter break. A request was made on the Facebook page for someone to volunteer to fix it and [Willow Tree Libraries](#) graciously stepped up. It has been repaired and refilled with books. Thank you so much to Willow Tree Libraries! Also donations of books can always be brought to the school office.
  - Upcoming Events
    - Family Book Bingo is returning this spring- more information to come!
  - An Instagram page has been created for Roguewood PTO to reach more people and provide more information. Plans are to include pictures and videos as well as more resources for parents. Please follow us at **roguewood\_pto**
  - Spirit Wear sales coming in the Spring
- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Popcorn poppers needed for February 10- Volunteers found at the meeting
  - Birthday bulletin board for February/March- Volunteers found at the meeting. April/May board volunteers will be needed!
- Next meeting March 14, 2023
- Motion to close meeting by Becky Norris, Second from Mary Ward. Meeting closed by Camey Brown at 8:08 pm