

Roguewood Elementary PTO MINUTES

March 15, 2023



Attendees:

Camey Brown (President), Becky Norris (Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator), Tina Worrall (Events Coordinator), Megan Stelzer (Secretary), Sandra Castrillon (Treasurer), Teya Cotter (Principal), Amie Santillan (SI Dean), Sharon Farquhar (1st grade), Amanda Glover, Sarah Dupras, Cristina DeYonker

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Camey Brown
- Motion by Becky Norris, 2nd by Cristina DeYonker to approve the minutes from the last meeting.
- Staff Reports- Sharon Farquhar (1st grade Traditional) -
 - Thank you for treating the staff with conference dinners. They appreciated this on such a busy night.
 - 1st grade has been busy working on writing skills and sharing their work. It is great to see their skills blossoming. Classes went on their 1st field trip to the Grand Rapids Public Museum including the Planetarium. Two more field trips are planned to the recycling center and zoo which goes along with the plant and animal unit.
 - Book Bingo is on Thursday night. Thanks to all for the book donations!
- Spanish Immersion Report- Amie Santillan
 - Last week we had Tara Fortune, an Immersion author, researcher and professor, visit for 3 days to work with teachers, admin and special services team.

- Food Truck Fiesta is being planned for May 12 by the SI Boosters. Amie is working with new SI Booster President Miguel Quintanilla to plan this exciting cultural event. Please contact Amie if you are interested in getting involved.
- Principals Report- Teya Cotter
 - We have lots of field trips happening this time of year. 4th graders enjoyed a new field trip to Cannonsburg for tubing and received a very nice email from their staff praising the behavior of our students.
 - We have a virtual visit scheduled from author Matt de La Peña on Friday 3/17 to go along with March is Reading Month.
 - Student Council is leading a service project with Kids Food Basket starting this week. Food donations can be brought to school and money is also accepted.
 - RogueWOODS Outdoor Learning - We are still looking for resources to help so please fill out the survey. The high school wood tech class will be providing signs for the area. Mike Edwardson presented plans to the staff and there was lots of interest and support. Each grade level will have a section of the space to work on and maintain.
 - Building improvements for 2024-25 include new furniture (currently being piloted) and the new gym. Air conditioning is also part of the future plans.
 - Art Night will be May 15 for the school. This will include a partnership between Kindergarten and the High school art class. Artsonia is a new program brought in by Ms. Turner and has been very popular. Funds raised are used for art supplies.
- ISAC Report- Becky Norris shared updates from Heather Berkenpas
 - Redistricting planning for the new elementary school is in process. Valley View will be most impacted. In Fall of 2023 the goal for preliminary boundaries.
 - Library services- There are many library resources available including a partnership with KDL for a summer reading program
 - Bus garage is being replaced starting summer 2023. There is still a need for Bus Drivers!
 - Bond updates were provided on the North Middle School construction including a new 6th grade wing, reconfigured rooms, air-conditioning and a new Orchestra room.
- Treasurer's Report- Sandra Castrillon
 - Sandra requested updates on various expenses
 - A motion was made by Becky Norris and seconded by Megan Stelzer to provide food for the Book Bingo staff volunteers. Motion passed.

- The updated Budget is always available on the PTO website on the [About](#) page.
- Old business
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Security- Be sure if you are volunteering to complete the [volunteer security form](#). It can take time to get clearance so please plan ahead. This must be done every year.
 - Mileage Club- Spring session will be starting in April. The [volunteer signup](#) fills up quickly so be on the lookout!
 - Birthday board- Volunteers are needed to update for April/May
 - Support RGW
 - The Family Fair receipt fundraising program ended March 1st. Tina Worrall led the charge to collect and tabulate receipts. After gathering collections and reaching out to other organizations in Rockford we were able to meet the goal and earn \$1000 from Family Fair. We even had enough extra receipts to donate to another Rockford school so they could reach the goal. Thanks to everyone for your help.
 - Amazon Smile program has also ended
 - Ongoing programs include [Box Tops](#) and [Rockford Cash](#). Both programs are quick and easy ways to support Roguewood with no additional cost to you.
 - Thank you again to all the conference dinner donations from families and RGW business Vestal Inn! The staff is so appreciative of this support.
- New Business
 - Spring Spirit Wear is coming soon. Please provide any feedback you have on designs or ideas. We order through Pegasus Sports in Rockford.
 - Book Bingo is this week. We have pizza available for preorder and there will be other concessions. Bring a book to play Bingo. It will be a fun night!
 - AJ's Fun Day- March 25- We will have discounted food, tokens and wristbands
***UPDATE** This will be rescheduled due to weather*
 - White Caps Night for Rockford Schools- May 23 at 6pm. The schools will get a portion of the ticket sales.
 - Staff Appreciation Week- May 1-5. There will be lots of opportunities for volunteering (snack cart, decorations, etc) and donating items. We are surveying the staff for input on what they would like to see. The theme was announced and ideas were shared. Please help treat our staff!

- Popcorn Day- We will be adding a day on April 21st due to cancellations.
- Next meeting May 16, 2023- This is our annual meeting to elect board members. Please plan to attend and let us know if you are interested in serving!
- Motion to close meeting by Becky Norris, Second from Tina Worrall. Meeting closed by Camey Brown at 8:27 pm