

Roguewood Elementary PTO MINUTES

May 16, 2023



Attendees:

Camey Brown (President), Becky Norris (Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator), Tina Worrall (Events Coordinator), Megan Stelzer (Secretary), Sandra Castrillon (Treasurer), Teya Cotter (Principal), Megan Rewa (1st Grade SI Teacher), Amanda Glover, Sarah Dupras, Cristina DeYonker, Heather Berkenpas, Rachel Bielecki, Brian Conley

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Camey Brown
- ISAC Report- Heather Berkenpas
 - Updates from the April Inter-School Advisory Council meeting- [link](#)
 - Security updates- Options on what we could or should do to improve safety were discussed. Input was requested on possible metal detectors
 - Curriculum- Multiple testing sessions are in process that monitor the health of the system and identify areas of need.
 - Human Resources- Spring hiring is happening and the outlook is good for filling positions. Union bargaining with REA and RESPA is underway.
- SI & Principal Report- Teya Cotter
 - There are 16 seniors graduating from the SI program this year and 24 students completing the Dual Language program through Ferris
 - A trip to Spain is being planned for June 2024 for high school students
 - Middle school students are traveling to Costa Rica this summer (happens every 2 years for 6th & 7th graders)
 - Food Truck Fiesta was a huge success! Thanks to all who helped and attended.

- Senorita Bird is starting leave on Friday and has a sub prepping this week.
- Elementary SI students are completing a new Spanish test this year (APPL). This tests Spanish proficiency. Most levels so far have exceeded native speakers.
Great job!
- SI Boosters have a movie event on 5/21/22 with screenings in Spanish & English.
- Lots of year end events are happening!
- Staff Reports- Megan Rewa (SI 1st grade)
 - Thank you for everything done by the PTO and SI Boosters!
 - 5th- Testing is happening including 4 MSTEP tests. They are presenting projects they created based on an exhibit they studied at Museum School, completing DARE essays and getting ready for their year end field trip to Greenfield Village.
 - 4th- Working hard on their Wax Museum slides, posters and speeches and also doing a Market Day project.
 - 3rd- Traditional will be hosting a Poetry Cafe and sharing poems with their parents. All are going to Camp Rockford for Woods & Wetlands and also Lansing to the Capital and Impressions 5.
 - 2nd- Will be going downtown on their field trip to go with their social studies unit on Rockford. Studying fairy tales and fables and writing informational texts.
 - 1st- SI students just celebrated El Puente where they commit to using only Spanish in class. All are working on Animal projects that they will present to their families. Year end field trip will be to John Ball Zoo.
 - Kinder- Traditional had their baby chicks hatch, will be going to Boulder Ridge for their field trip and will have a class celebration. SI has one more test to complete and are creating Kindergarten memory books
- Treasurer's Report- Sandra Castrillon
 - The PTO is helping process Venmo donations for the 5th grade celebration. There is also money in the budget to fund 5th grade celebration.
 - Food Truck Fiesta- PTO also helped process payments for the SI Boosters.
 - Muffins with Mom- We had great attendance but ran out of treats. To make it up to families we will be offering coupons to Bros Donuts or Pump House. Pump House coupons have been purchased and Bros Donuts will be paid later.
 - Send a request to teachers for field trip plans for next year.
 - The updated Budget is always available on the PTO website on the [About](#) page.
- VP's Report- Becky Norris
 - Field Day 5/17/23

- Volunteer slots filled very quickly. Feedback shared from parents on increasing opportunities to all parents to participate. Parents are not allowed to spectate due to security reasons. There is a lot of interest in volunteering at field day and Mileage Club. Suggestion was made to request families sign up for only 1 slot initially and then later allow more. Also to announce when sign ups will be posted.
 - 5th grade celebration will be May 31 and Drive through will be June 1. Parent support is still needed for the celebration.
 - Talent Show- May 31. 66 acts auditioned and 35 were chosen by the Talent Show staff. Thanks to all who auditioned.
- Secretary Report- Megan Stelzer
 - Motion by Becky Norris, 2nd by Tina Worrall to approve the minutes from the last meeting.
 - Birthday board- Megan & Kristin updating with June/July birthdays
- New business
 - Birthday celebration ideas discussed including decorating lockers with magnets.
 - Back to School Party- Wednesday, August 16th. Requests for volunteers will be coming.
- PTO Board Election
 - Motion made to re-elect board for 2023-24 by Cristina DeYonker, Second by Megan Rewa
- Next meeting Fall 2023. Meetings are bi-monthly
- Meeting adjourned by Camey Brown at 8:10 pm